

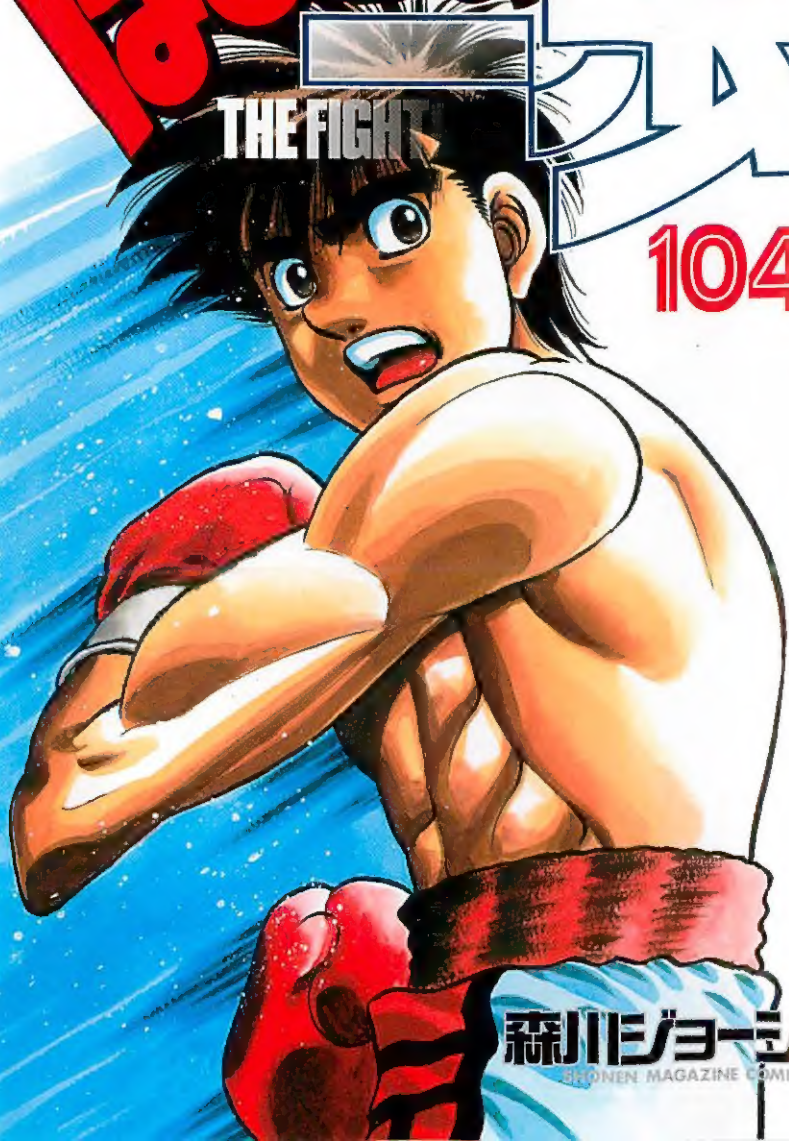
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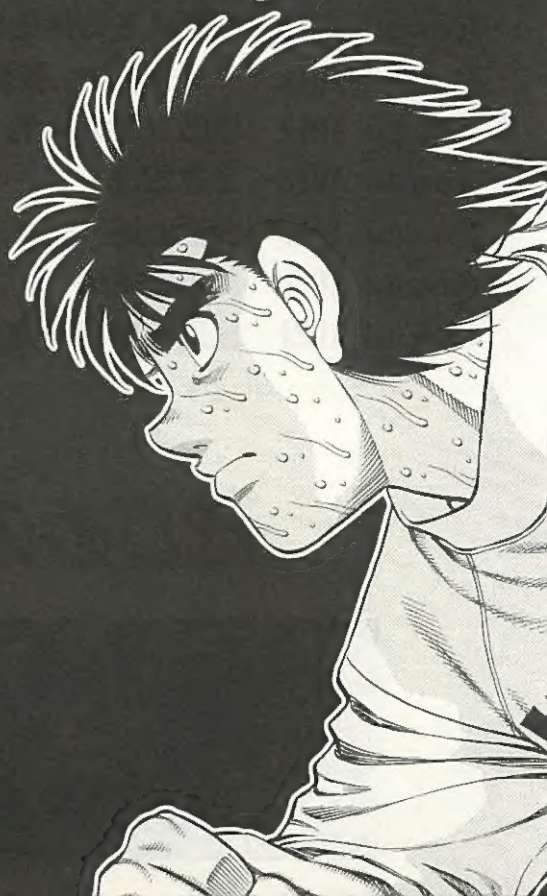
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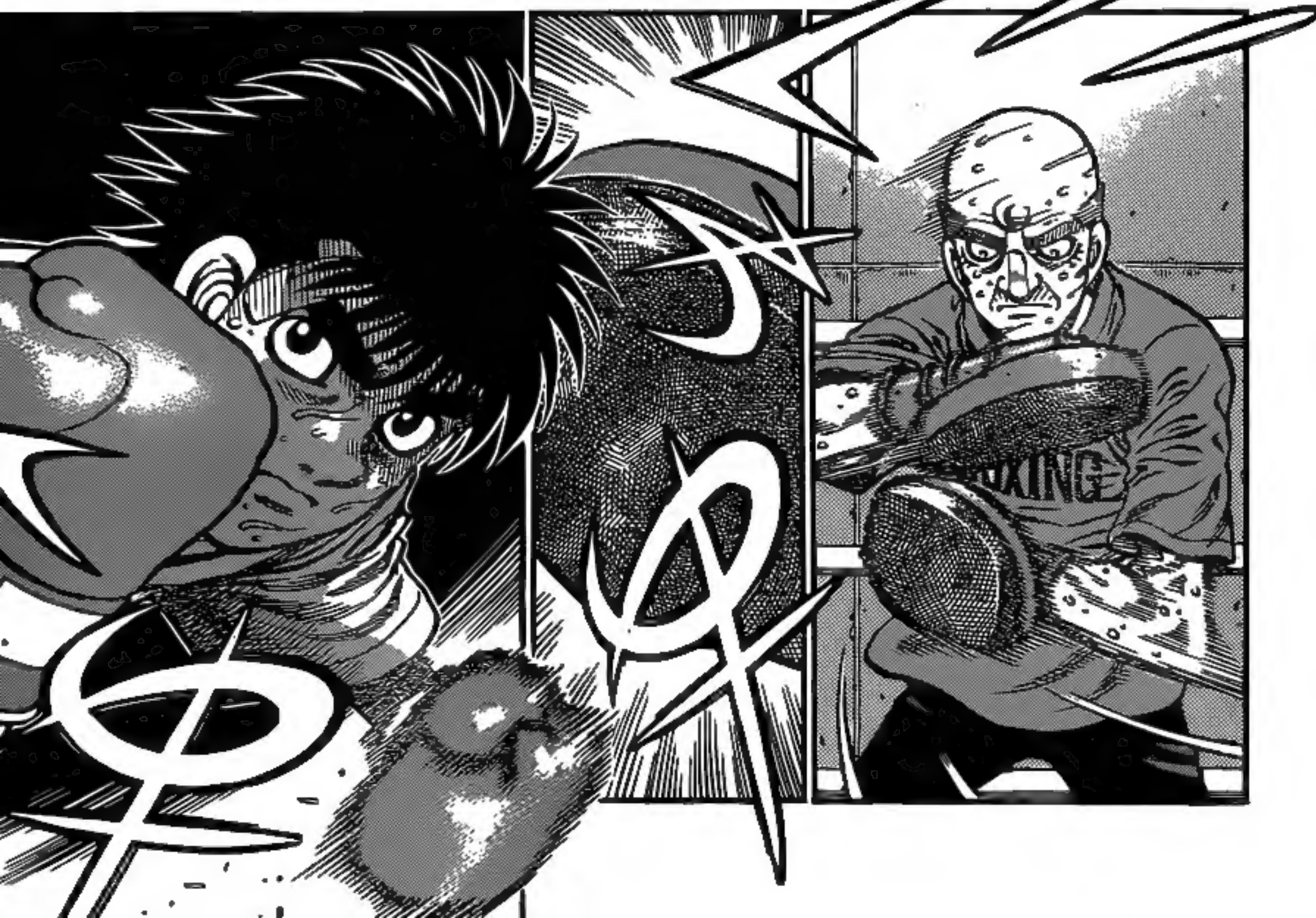
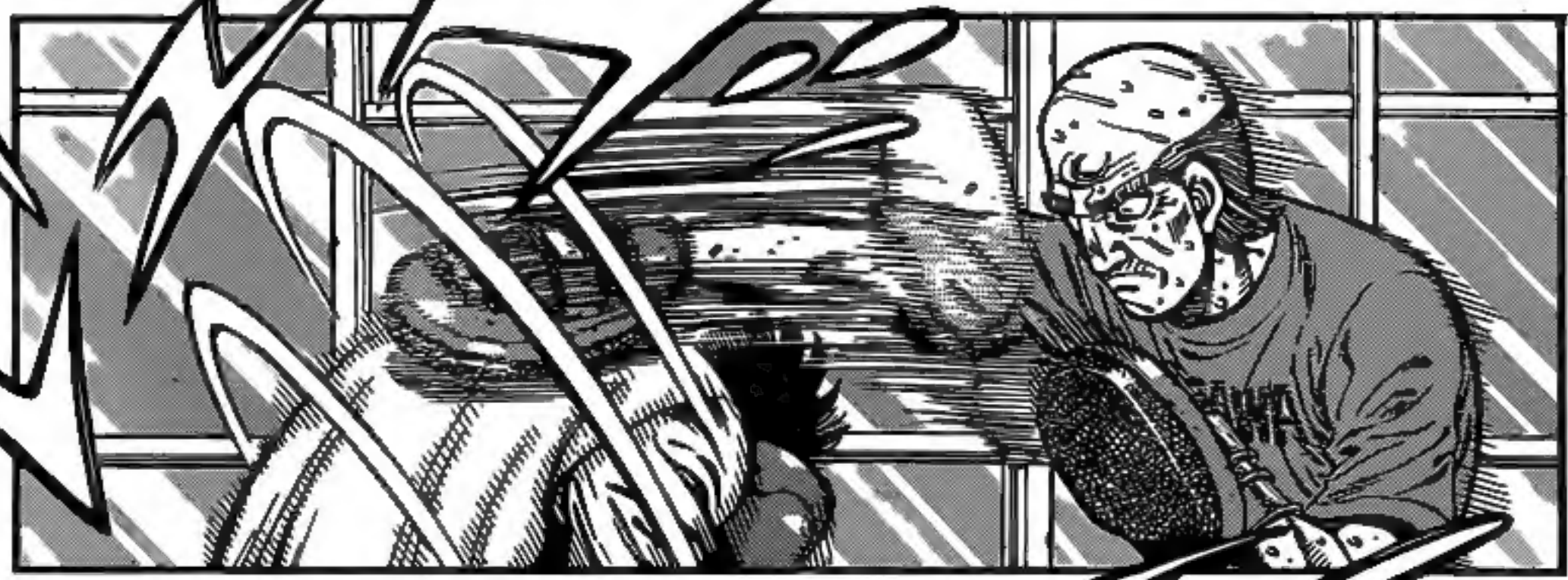
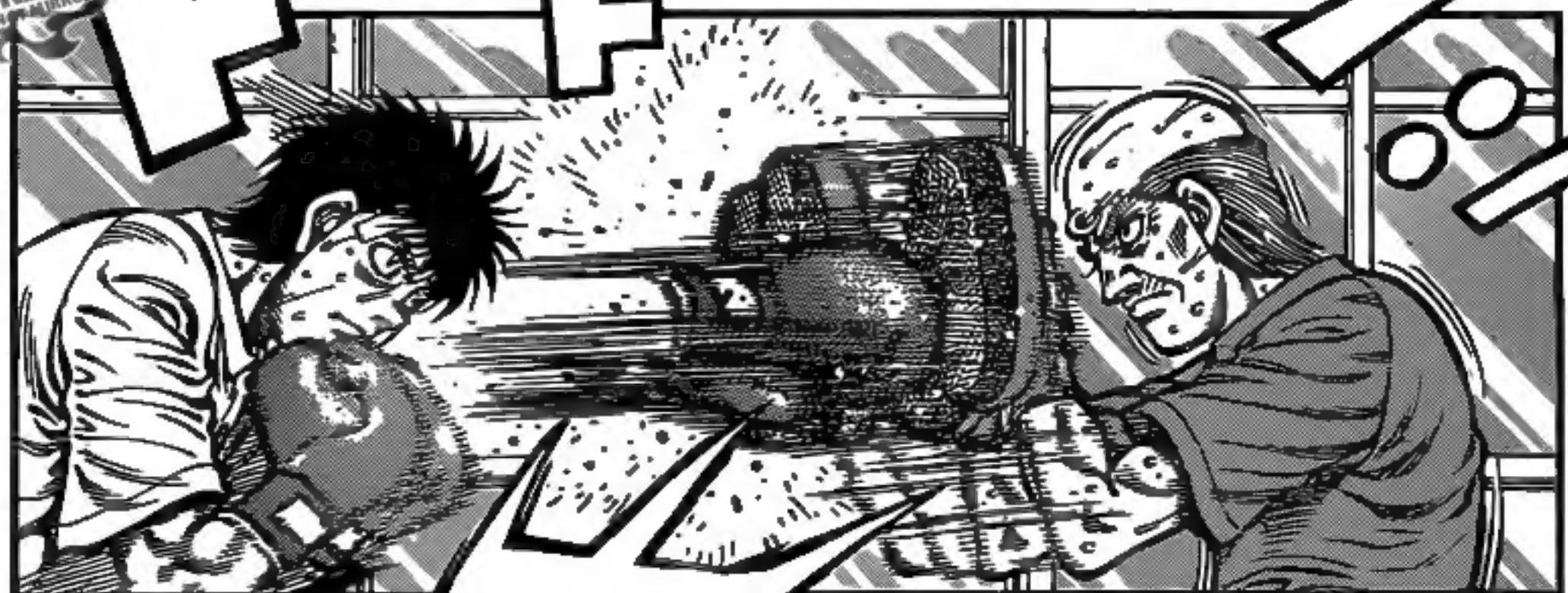
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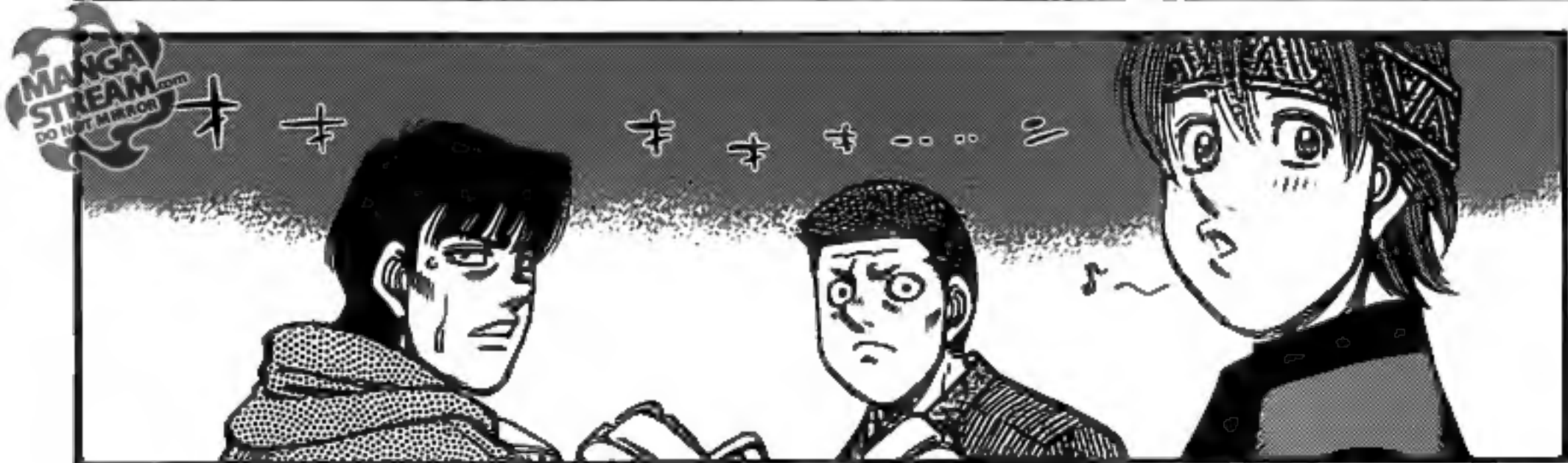


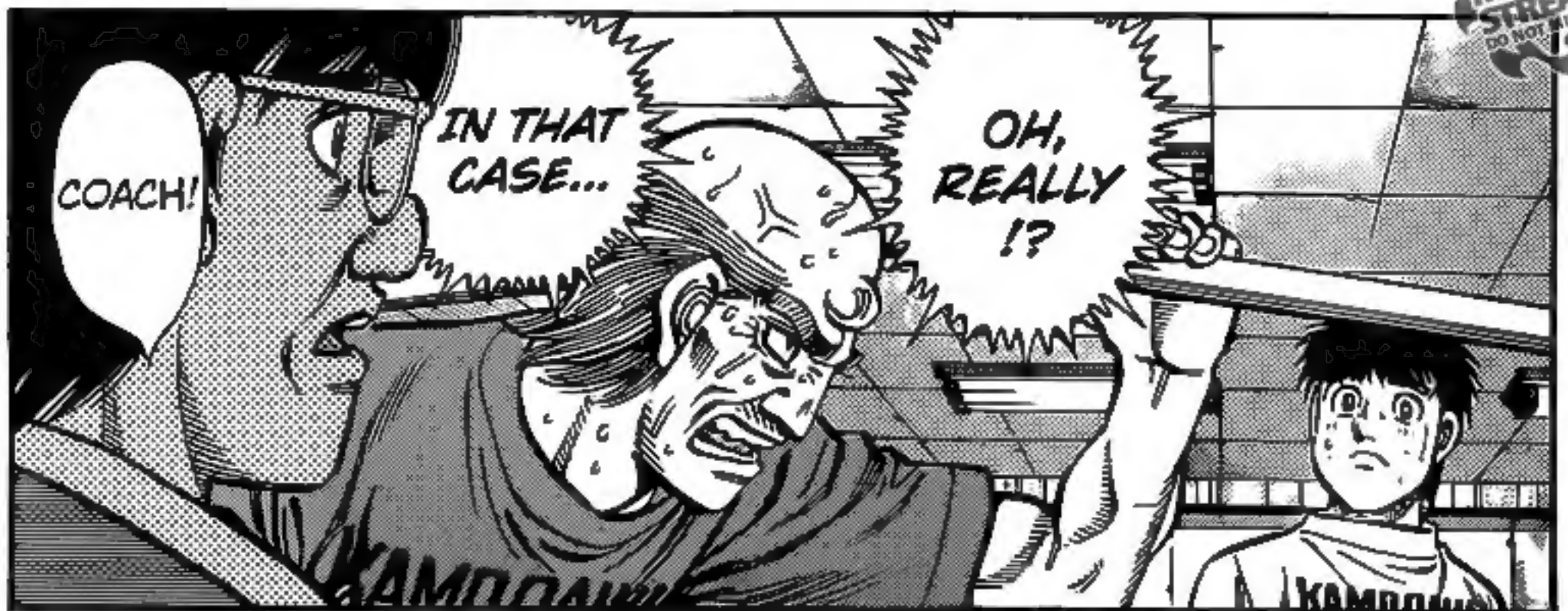
SPARRING WITH BLAZING INTENSITY!
WITH THE WORLD STAGE IN HIS SIGHTS!!



Round 1012 Everyone's Next Round





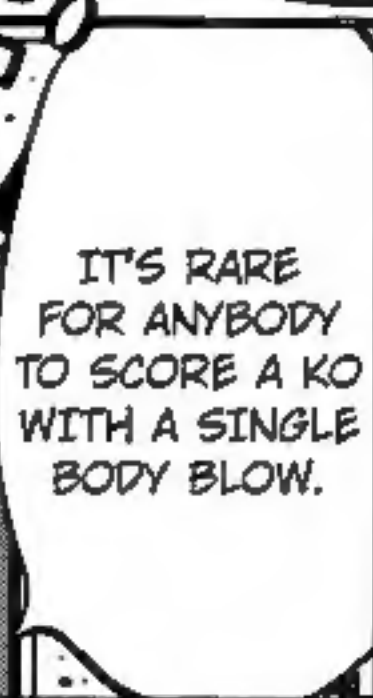




YOU NEED TO BE IN THE PERFECT POSITION AND HAVE THE POWER TO PULL IT OFF.



YOU GOTTA BE CAREFUL TO NOT GET HIT WITH A COUNTER FROM ABOVE OR BELOW.



IT'S RARE FOR ANYBODY TO SCORE A KO WITH A SINGLE BODY BLOW.



IT'S PRETTY MUCH LIKE GETTING YOUR GUTS PUNCHED OUT.

LIKE THIS!

THEN PUNCH UPWARD LIKE YOU'RE PUSHING THEIR LIVER INWARD.



AND YOU GOTTA GET IN CLOSE ENOUGH FOR YOUR PUNCH TO COME IN AT AN ANGLE.





WHO
TEACHES
HIM HOW
TO DO IT
ALL.

THE
COACH
IS THE
ONE...



THE COACH
REALLY IS
A MASTER
TRAINER.

AND HE DOES
THE SAME THING
FOR TAKAMURA, WHO
HAS AN ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT
BUILD.



GET
INSIDE
THE
RING!

OKAY!



HE'S
AMAZ-
ING.

YUP.



I'M UP
NEXT!

OH!



I KNOW
I COULD
NEVER
DO ALL
THAT...

BUT HE
NEVER SHOWS
ANY SIGNS OF
EXHAUSTION,
THOUGH HIS
BODY HAS TO
FEEL IT.

HE'S
STILL ABLE TO
CONSISTENTLY
WITHSTAND ALL
THOSE BLOWS
FROM OUR HARD
PUNCHERS.

IN
SPITE OF
HIS AGE
AND THE
DIFFERENCE
IN BODY
SIZE,

TAKES AN
EXPERT
TO DO
THAT.

BEING
ABLE
TO TAKE
THOSE
HARD
HITS...



HUH?

HEY,
WAIT A
SEC...





NO
MATTER
HOW MUCH
I WANT
TO...



I'M NOT
ALLOWED
TO SPAR
WITH
HIM.



YOU'VE
BOTH GOT
MATCHES
ON THE
SAME
DAY!

WHY AREN'T
YOU THE ONE
SPARRING
WITH IPPO?



SINCE YOU'RE
UP AGAINST A
FIGHTER TYPE
IN THE MATCH
FOR THE VACANT
TITLE!



YOU'RE
GONNA BE
SPARRING
WITH ME...



THAT
SHOULD
GET ME
BY...

I FIGURED
I'D BE BETTER
OFF JUST BOX-
ING THE WAY
I NORMALLY
DO.

OH,
COME ON
NOW...

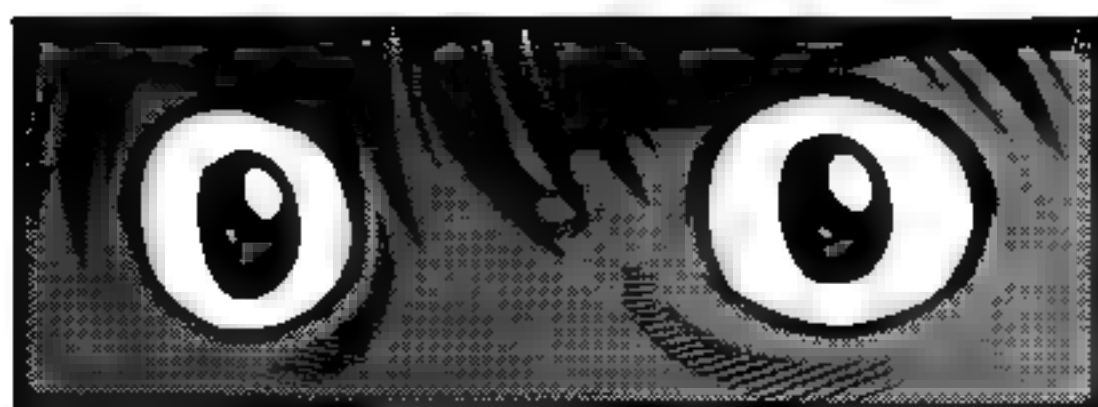


A
FIGHTER
TYPE!?



THIS IS A
TITLE MATCH!
SHOW A LITTLE
INTEREST AT
LEAST!

YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHO YOU'RE
FIGHTING!?

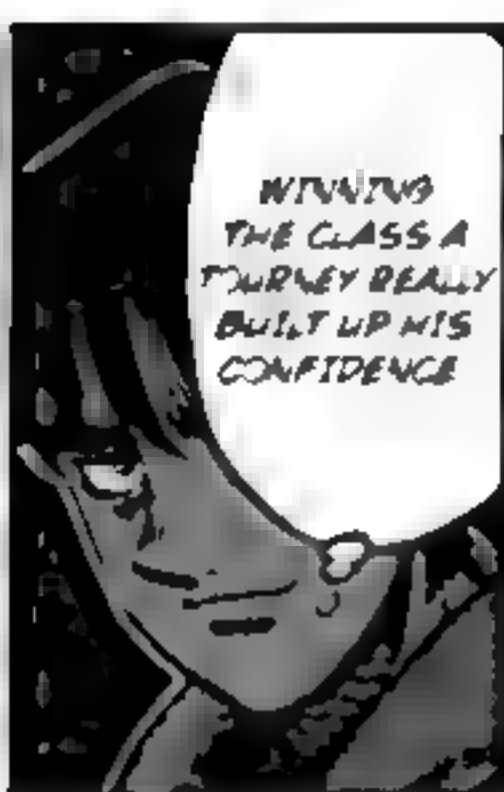
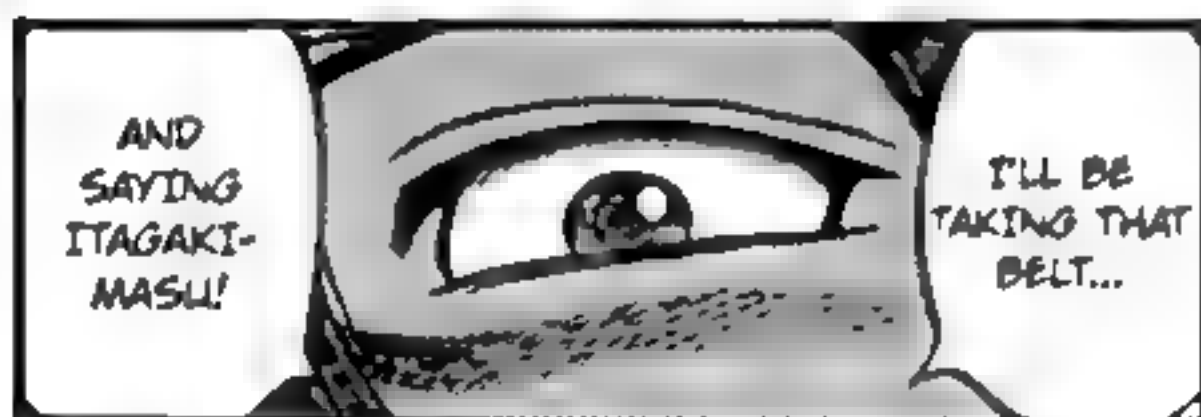
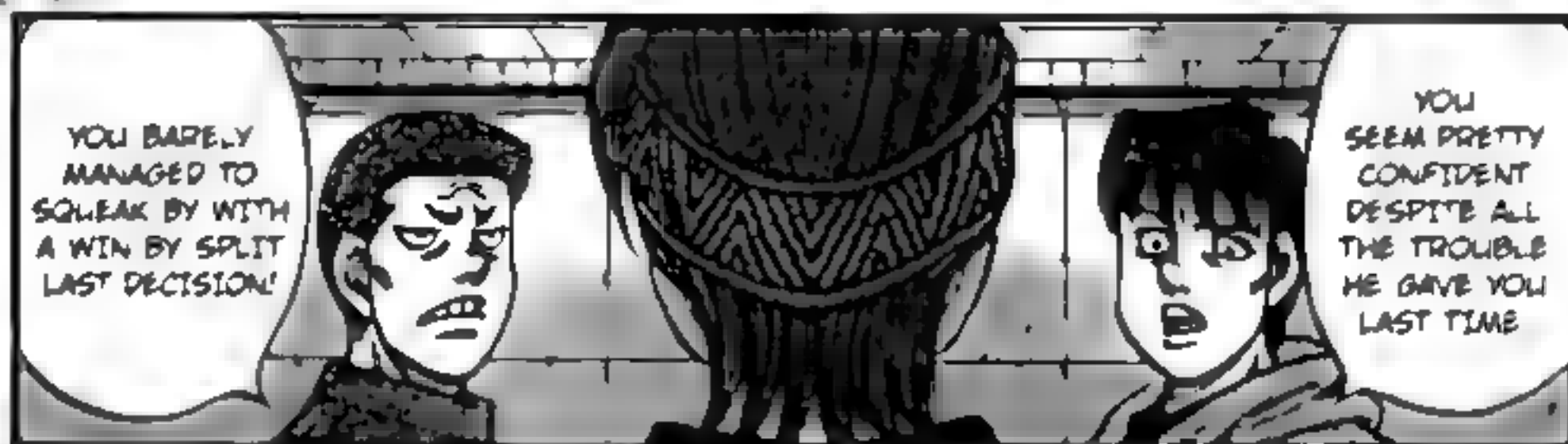
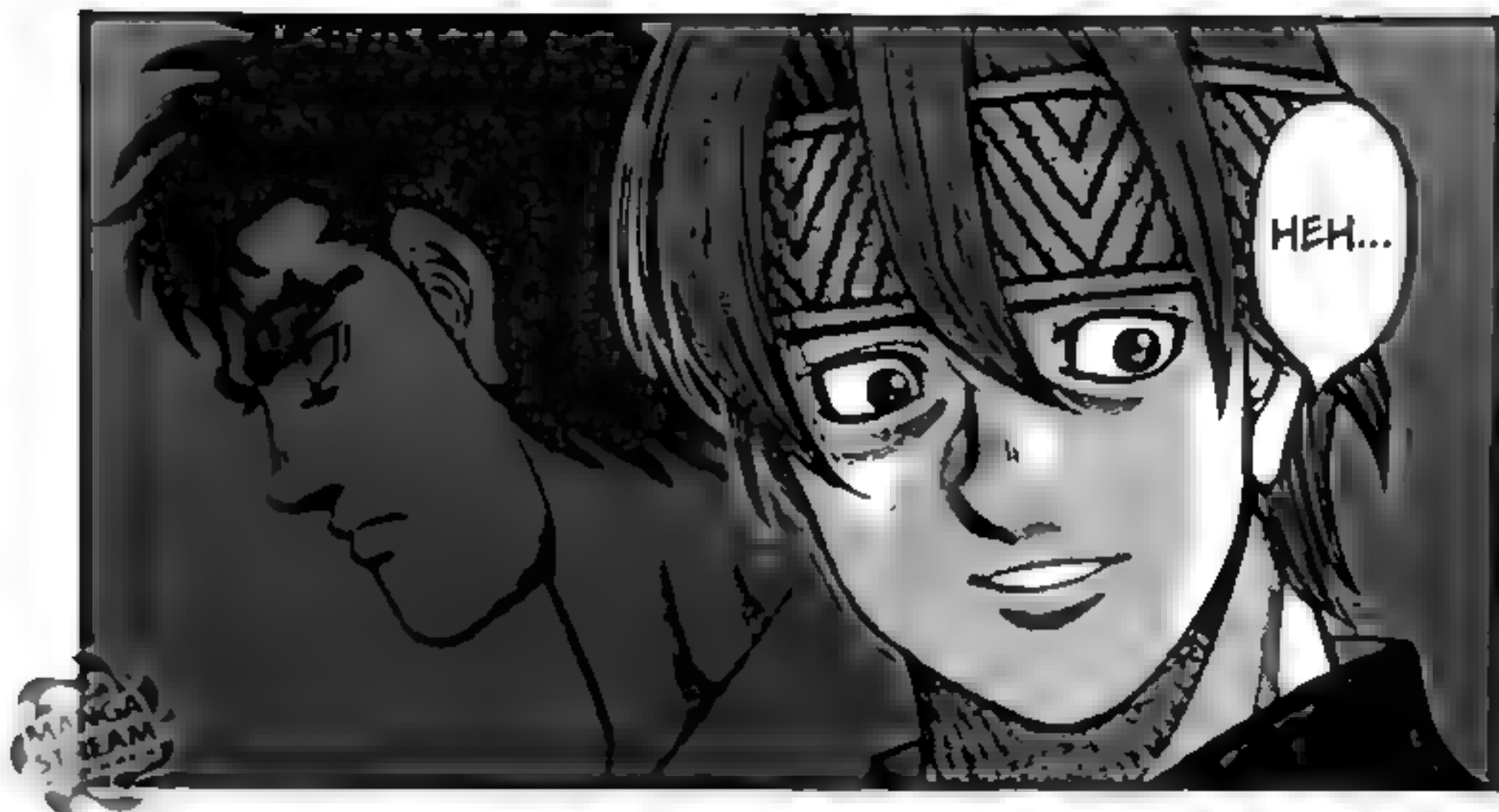


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① Itagaki Manabu
② Imai Kyosuke



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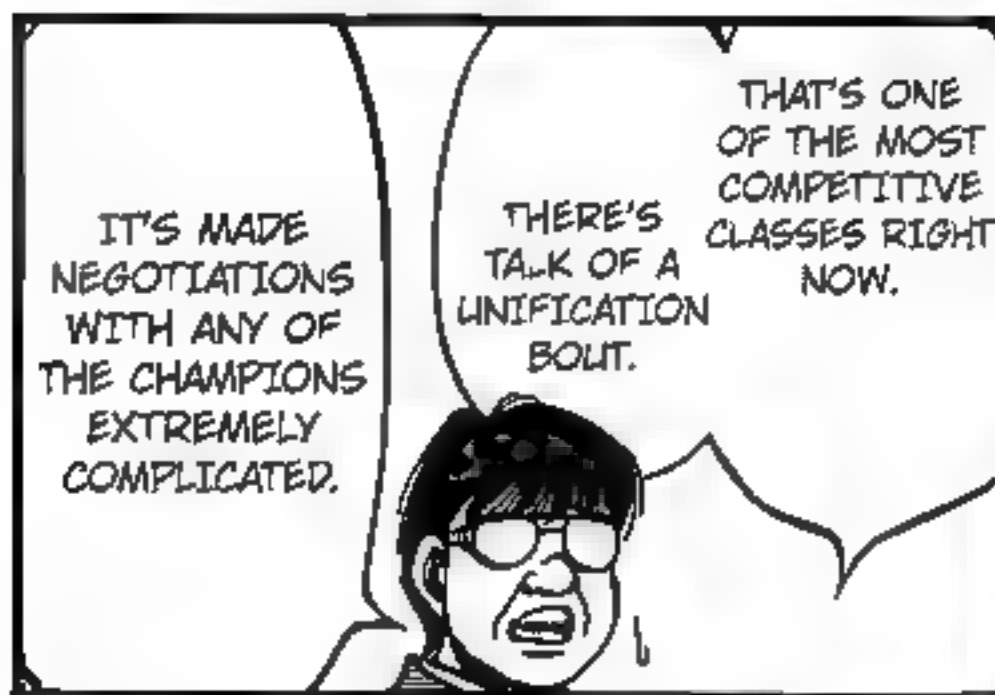






BOTH
SOUND
WEIRD
TO ME.

IPPO
GOING
AFTER THE
WORLD TITLE,
ITAGAKI GOING
AFTER THE
JAPANESE
TITLE...



IT'S MADE
NEGOTIATIONS
WITH ANY OF
THE CHAMPIONS
EXTREMELY
COMPLICATED.

THERE'S
TALK OF A
UNIFICATION
BOLT.

THAT'S ONE
OF THE MOST
COMPETITIVE
CLASSES RIGHT
NOW.



LET'S
BEAT UP
SOME SUPER
MIDDLE-
WEIGHTS
ALREADY!

AND WHEN
THE HELL AM
I GONNA GET
TO CONQUER
MY THIRD
WEIGHT
CLASS!?



WHO
WILL BE THE
UNDISPUTED
CHAMPION?

Clash of Heroes!
the Hotly Cont
Middleweight
Who Will be the
Champion

CLASH OF
HEROES?

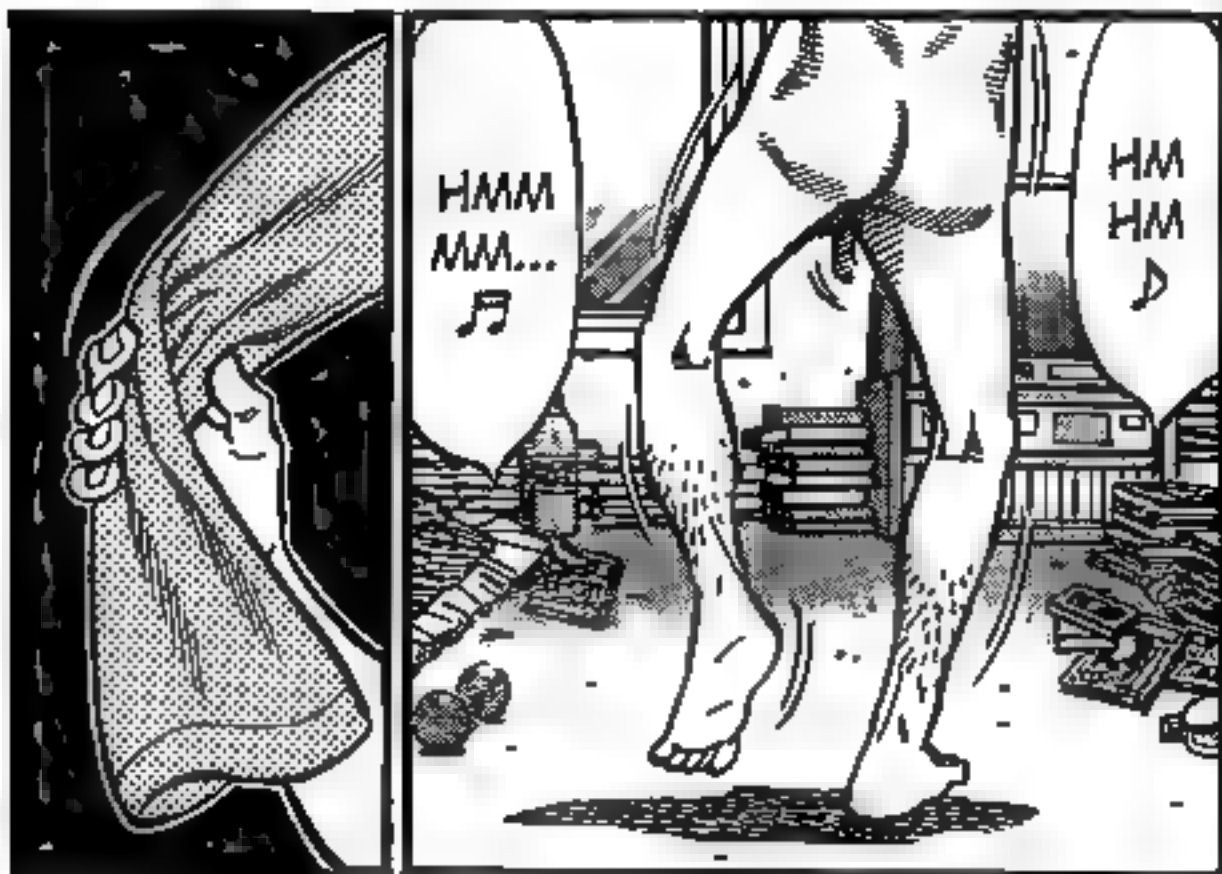
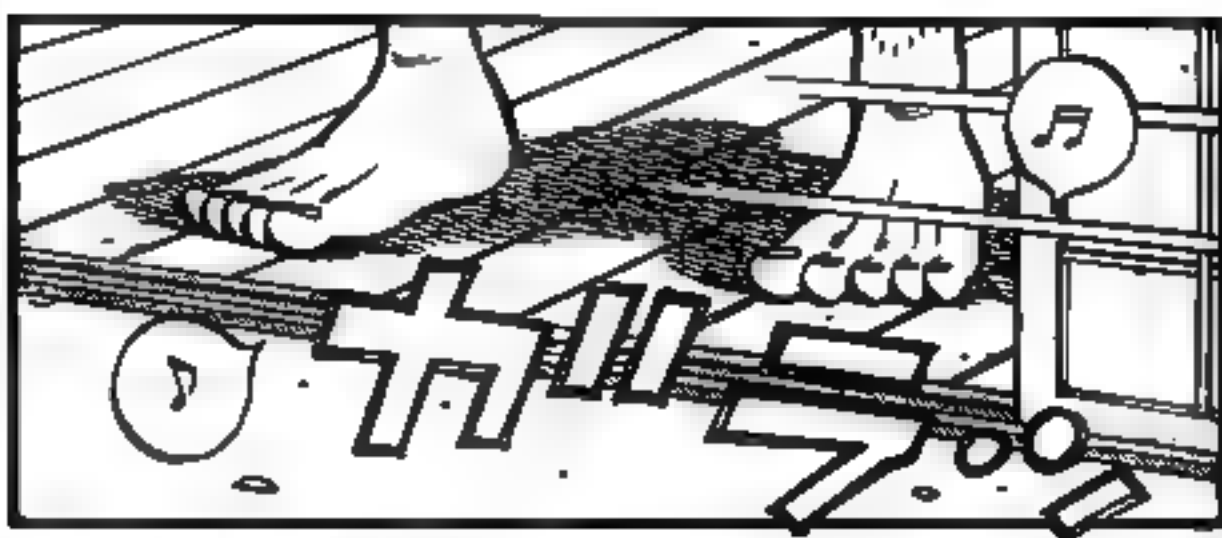


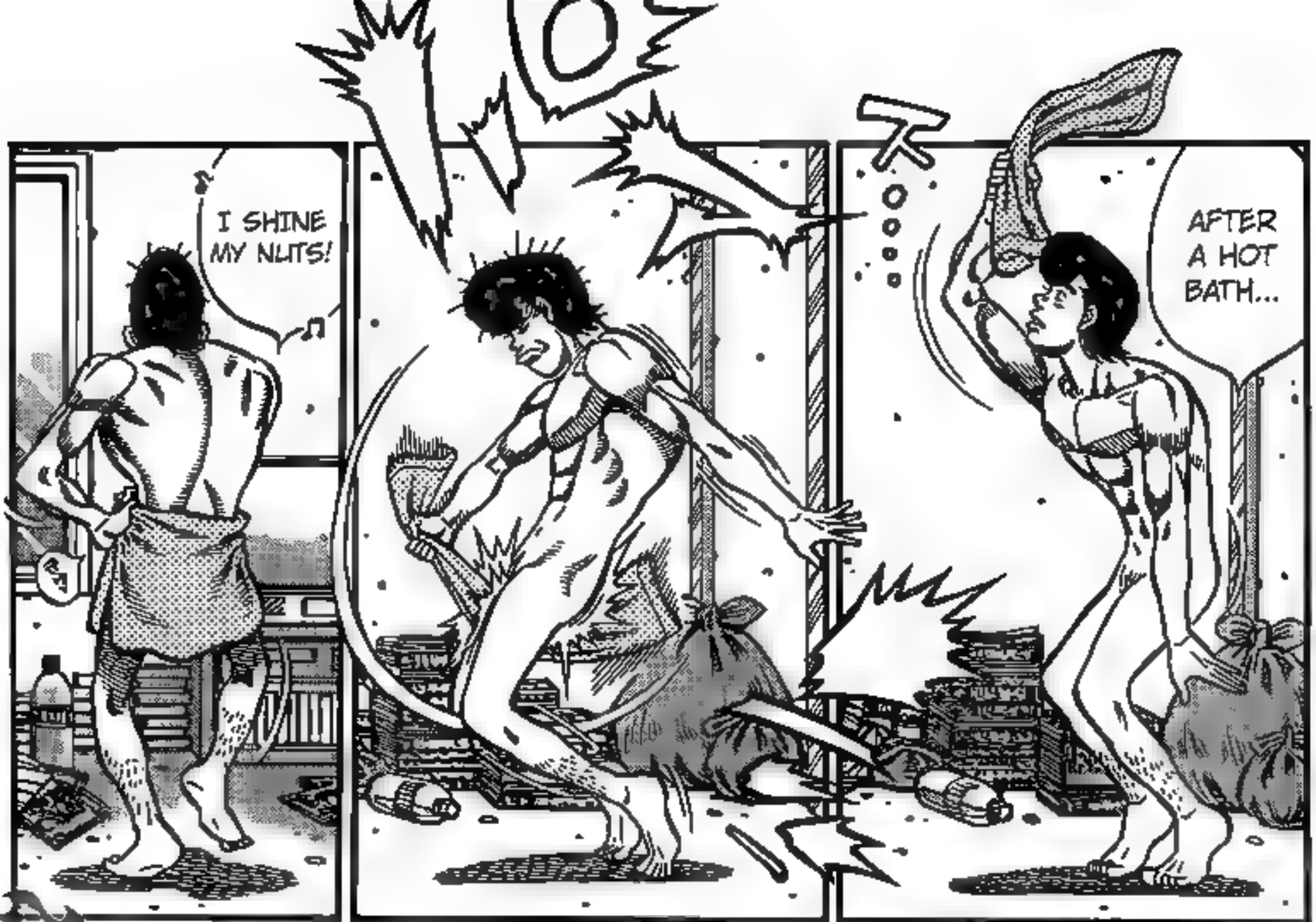
THE IBF,
AND THE
WBO...

THE WBC,
THE WBA...



THEY
WROTE
A FEATURE
ABOUT IT IN
THE MAGAZINE
THE KID'S
HOLDING.





MANGA
STREAM
DO NOT MIRROR





IF
HE COULD
LAND ONE
OF THOSE
PUNCHES...



BUT AT
THE WORLD
LEVEL, THERE'S
NO WAY HE'D
LAND ONE!



YOU
REALIZE HOW
TOUGH THIS IS
GONNA BE,
RIGHT?

OLD
MAN...



HE DID
MANAGE TO
BEAT THIS
GLY.

IN 24
FIGHTS, HE'S
GOT 23 WINS,
1 LOSS, AND
23 KO'S...

IN TERMS
OF PURE MATH,
HE HAS A GOOD
RECORD, EVEN IF
IT WAS AGAINST
A BUNCH A
PUNKS.



COULD GET
IPPO READY
FOR THE
WORLD?

WHAT
KIND OF
FIGHT...



WHAT
KIND OF
MATCH ARE
YOU GONNA
PUT HIM
IN?



WHAT
KIND OF
FIGHT...



WHAT HAS THE WORLD CHAMPION DISCOVERED, WHILE LETTING IT ALL HANG OUT? LEARN THE SECRET, NEXT TIME!

WHAT THE
FLICK!?

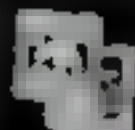


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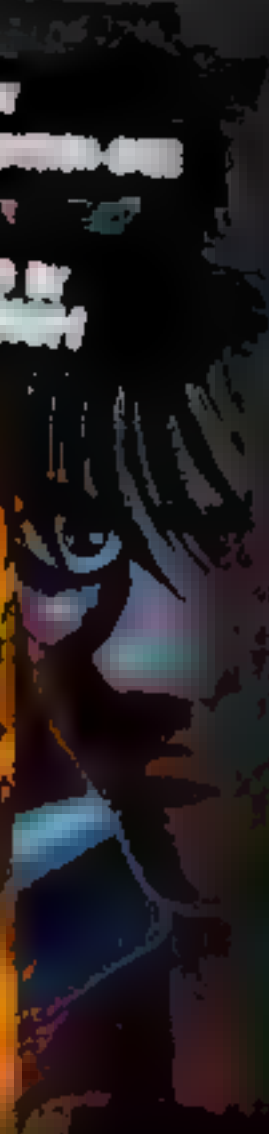
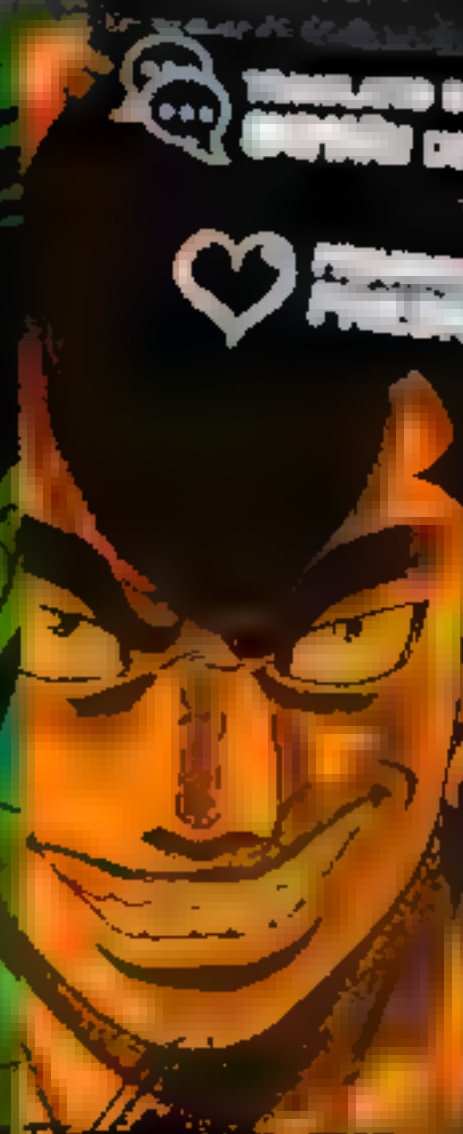
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THE WORLD CHAMPION ON THE MOVE! WHAT DID HE SEE TO CAUSE THIS REACTION!?

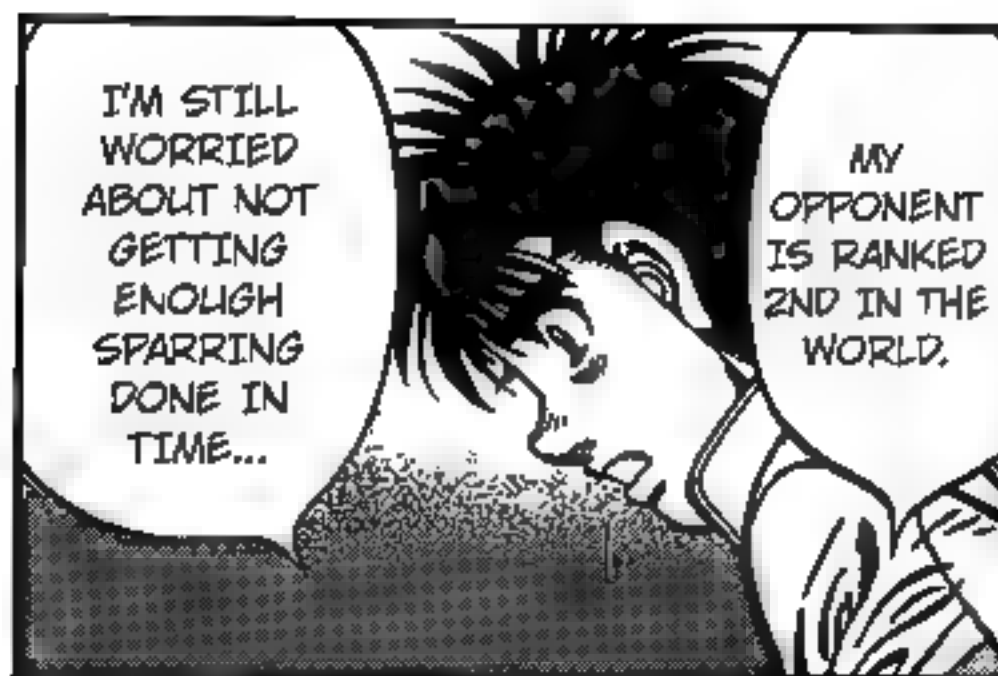


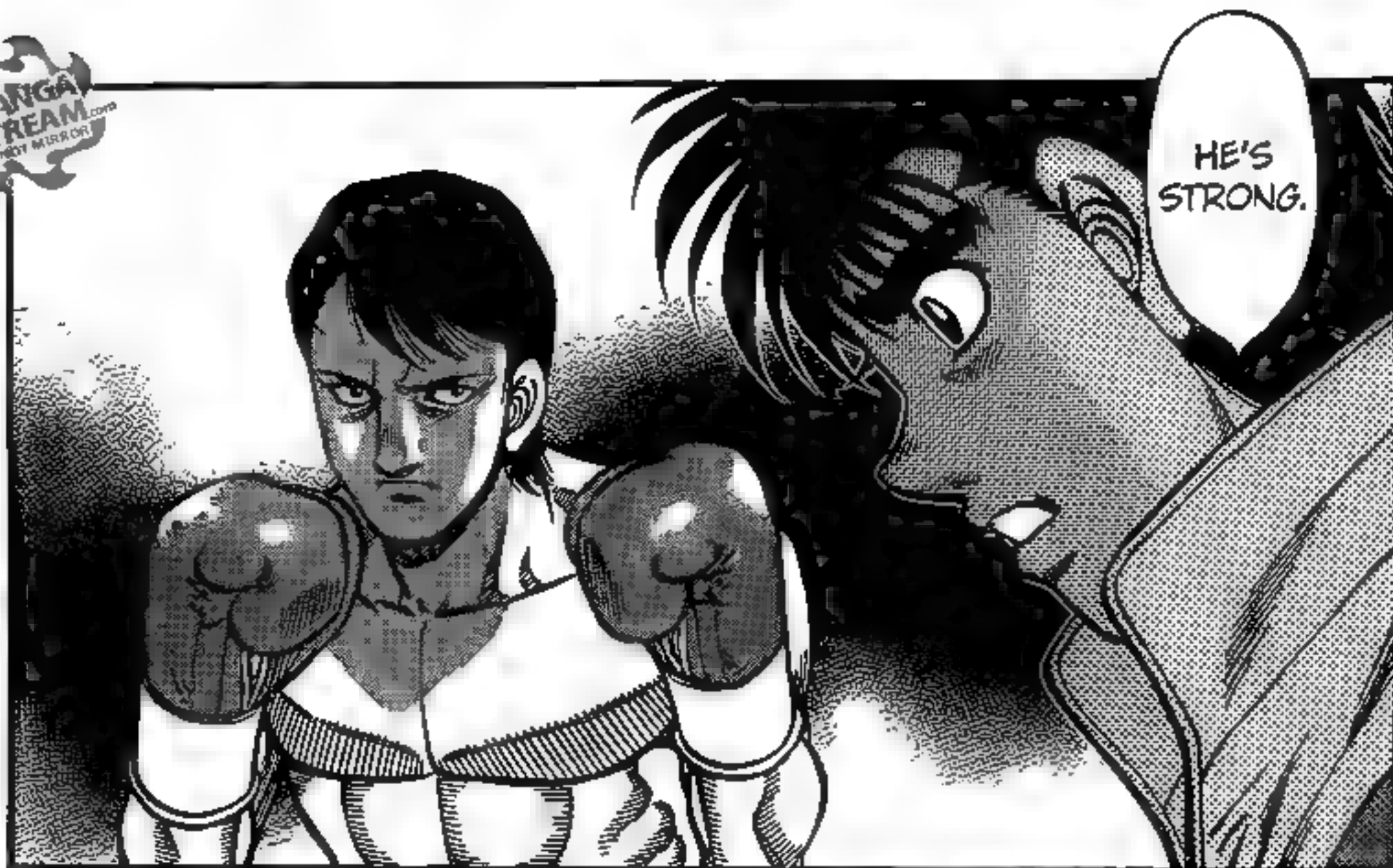
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鴨川ボクシングジム

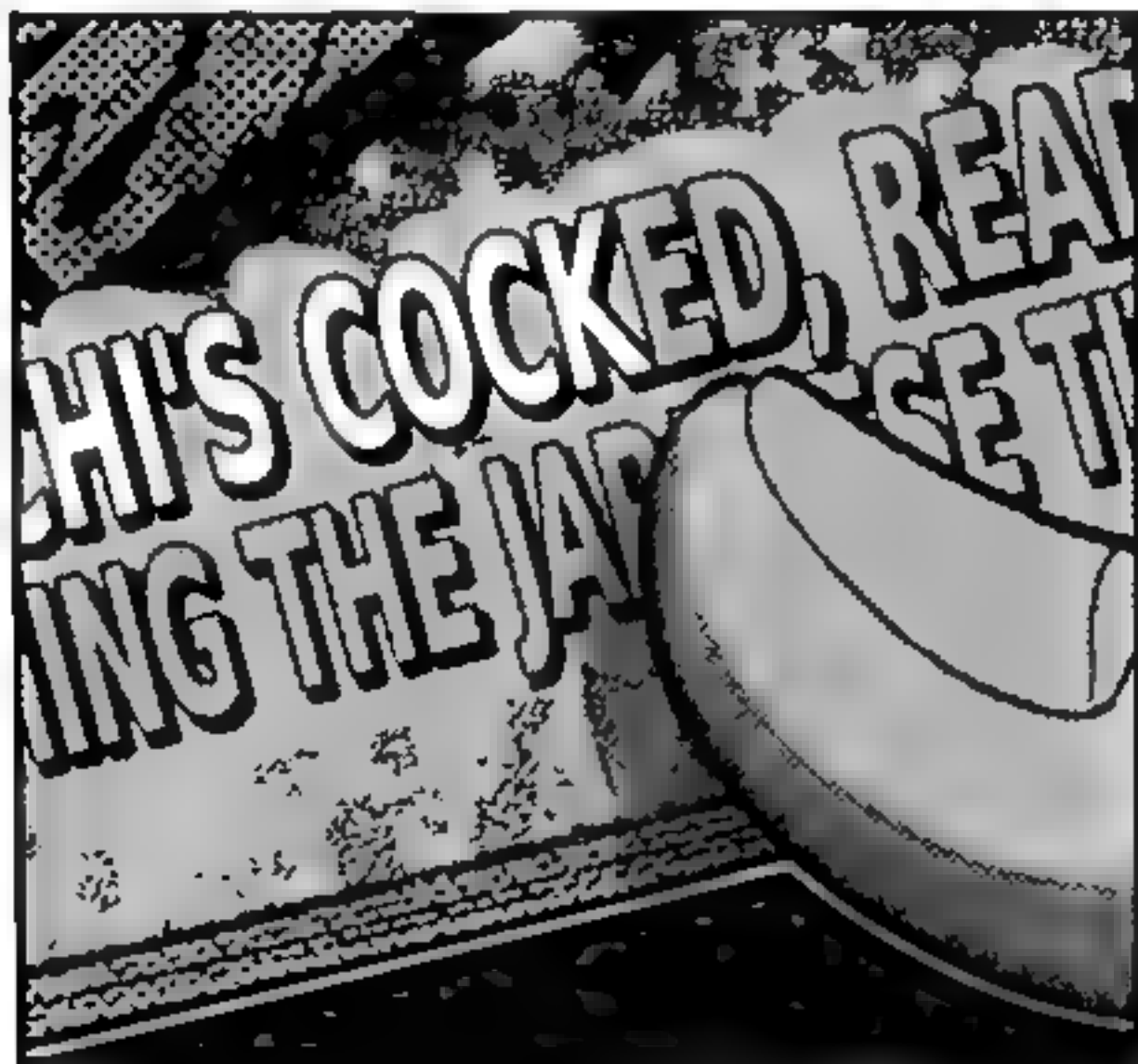






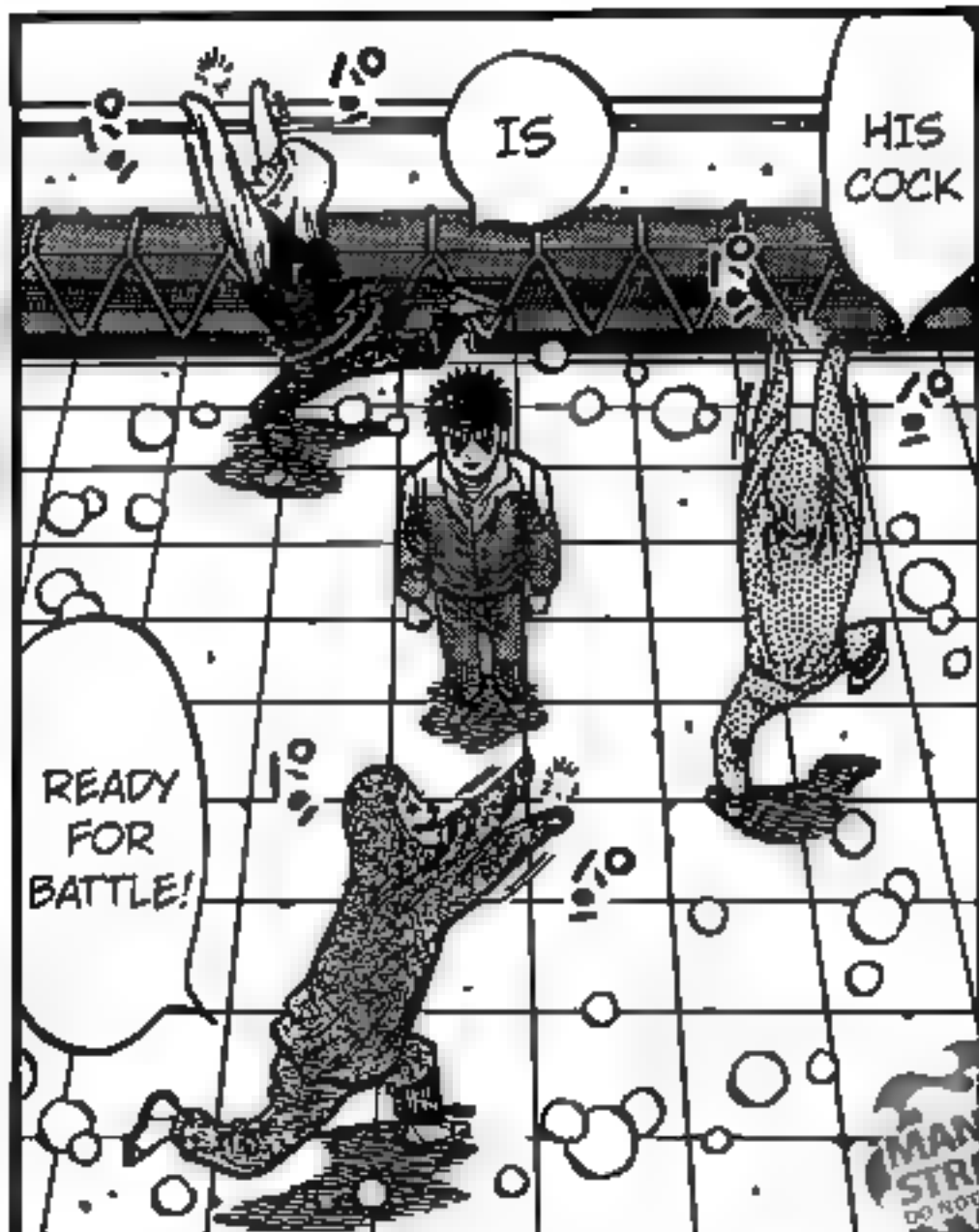
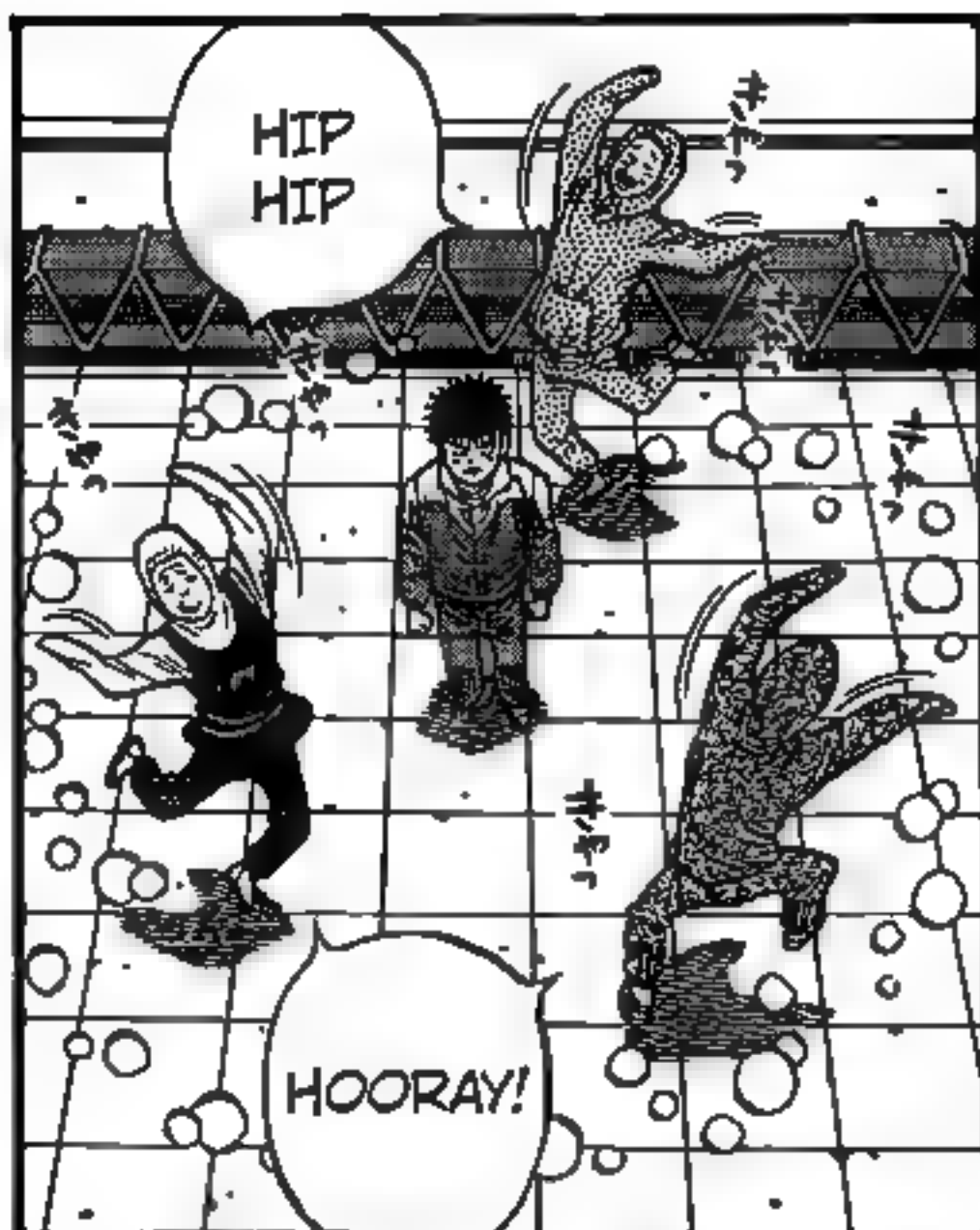










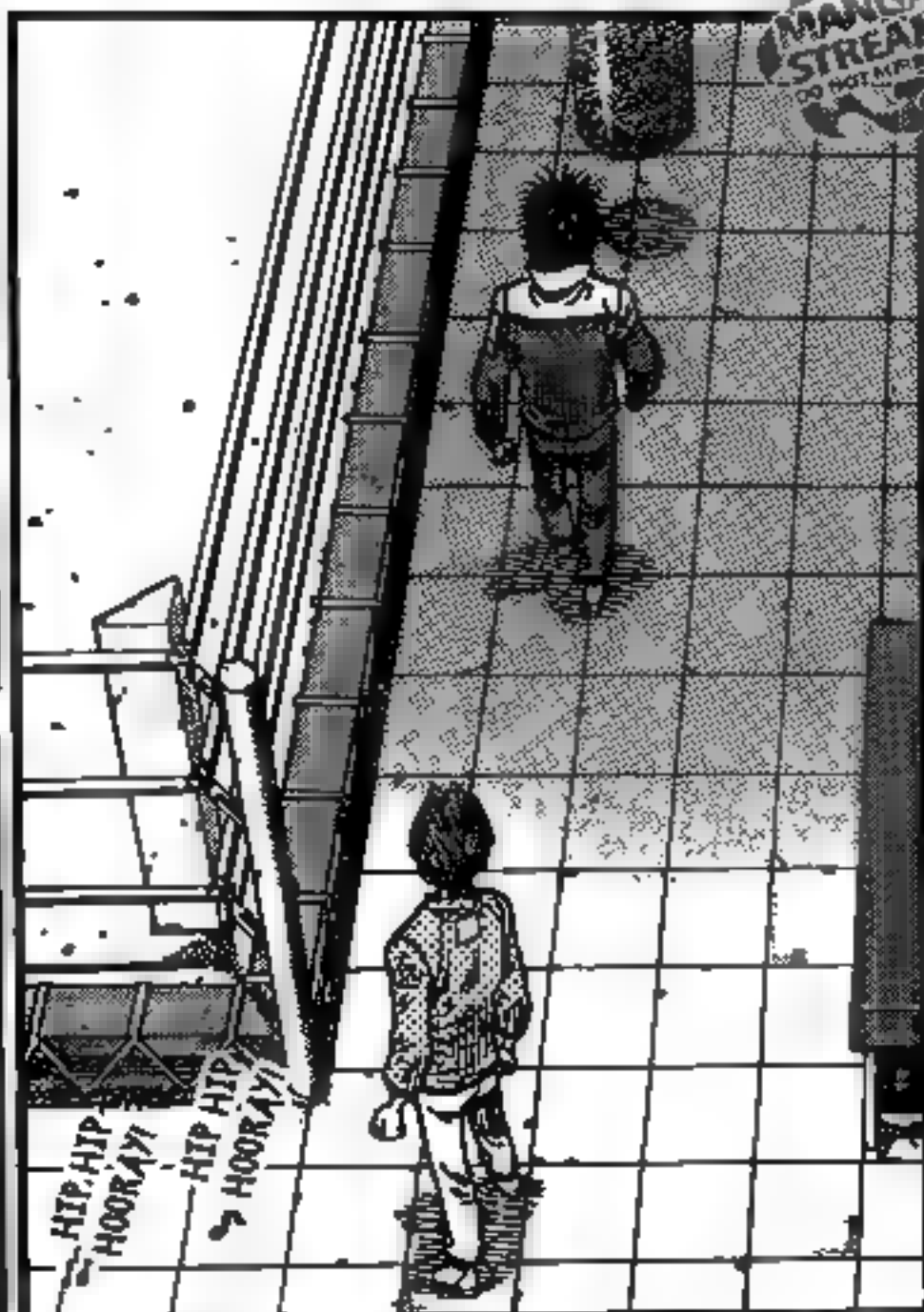




MANABU-
KUN...



ARE
YOU JUST
GONNA LET
THEM GO
ON LIKE
THAT?



HIP HIP
HOORAY!
HIP HIP
HOORAY!

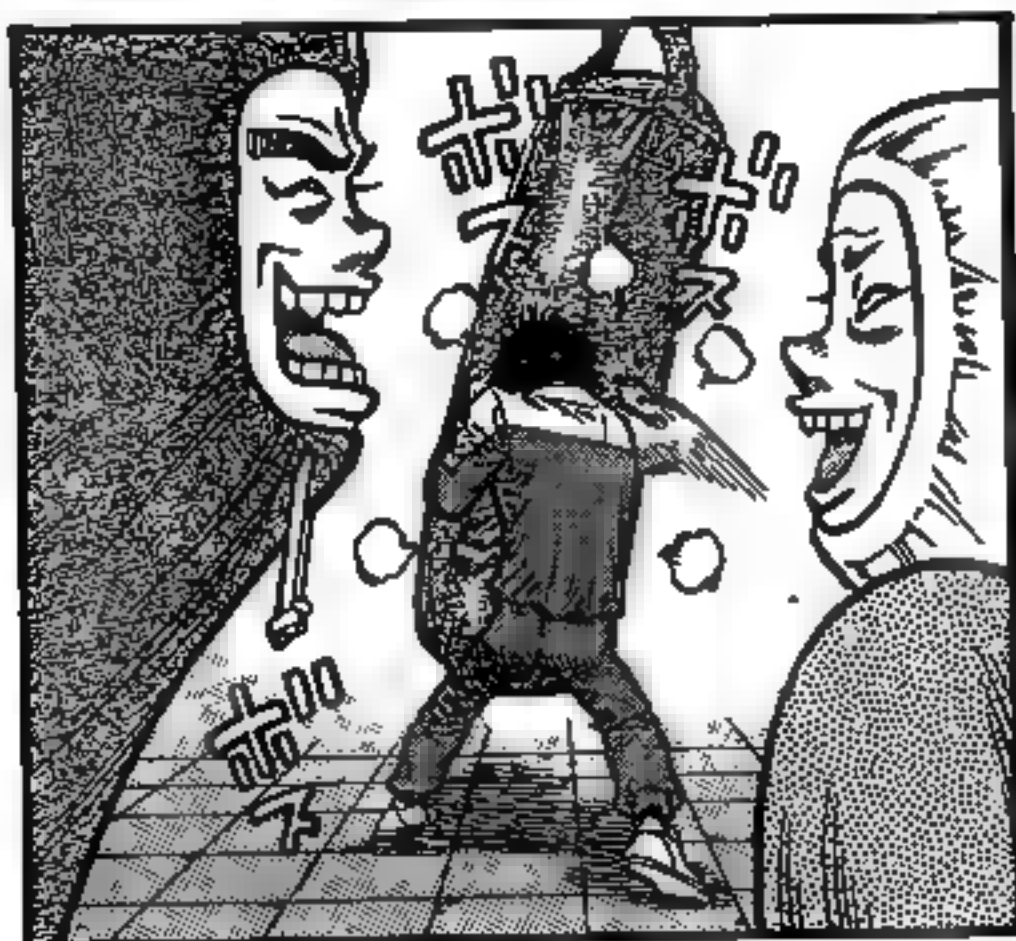


IT'S
BETTER
TO JUST
IGNORE
THEM.

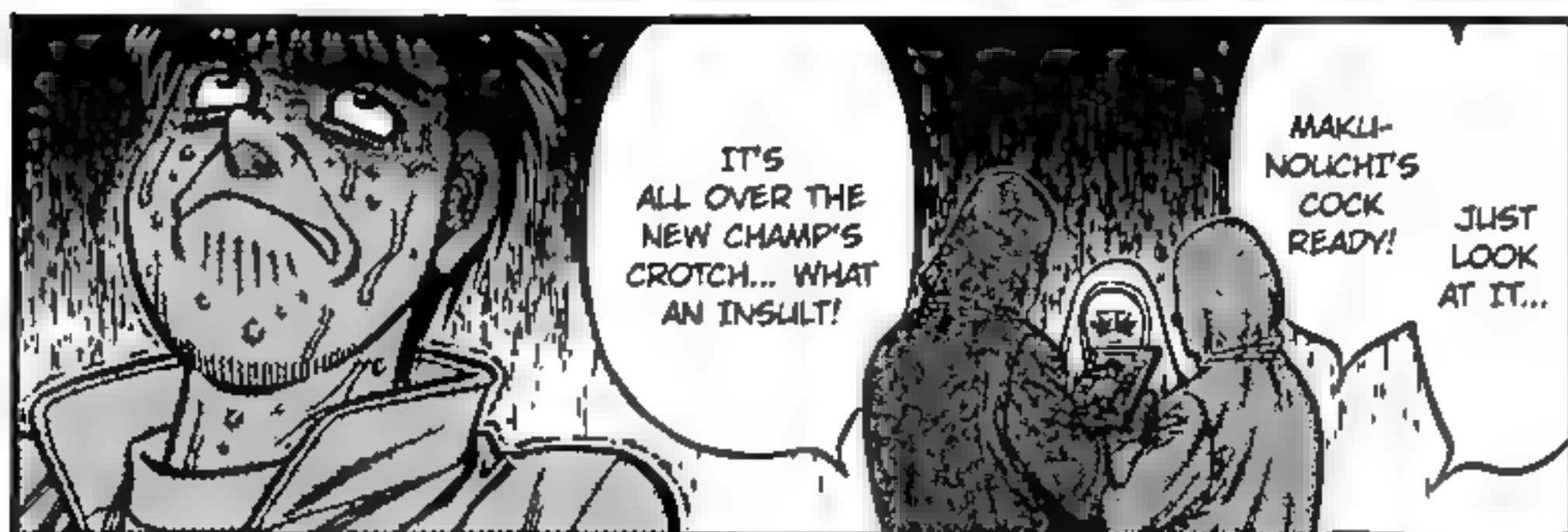
HIP HIP
HOORAY!

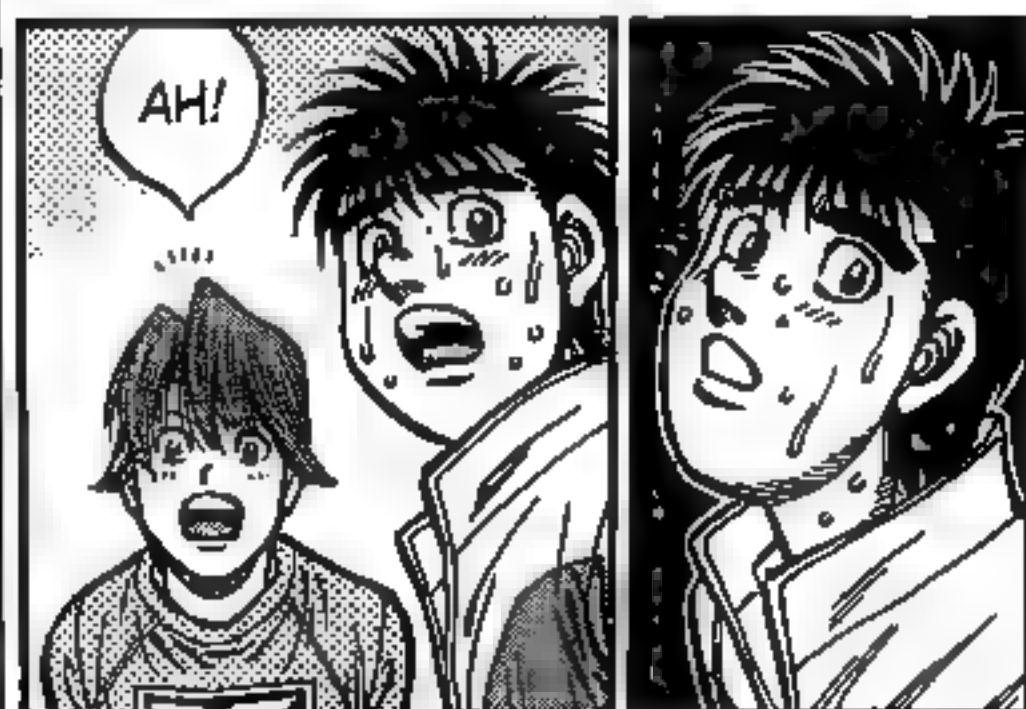
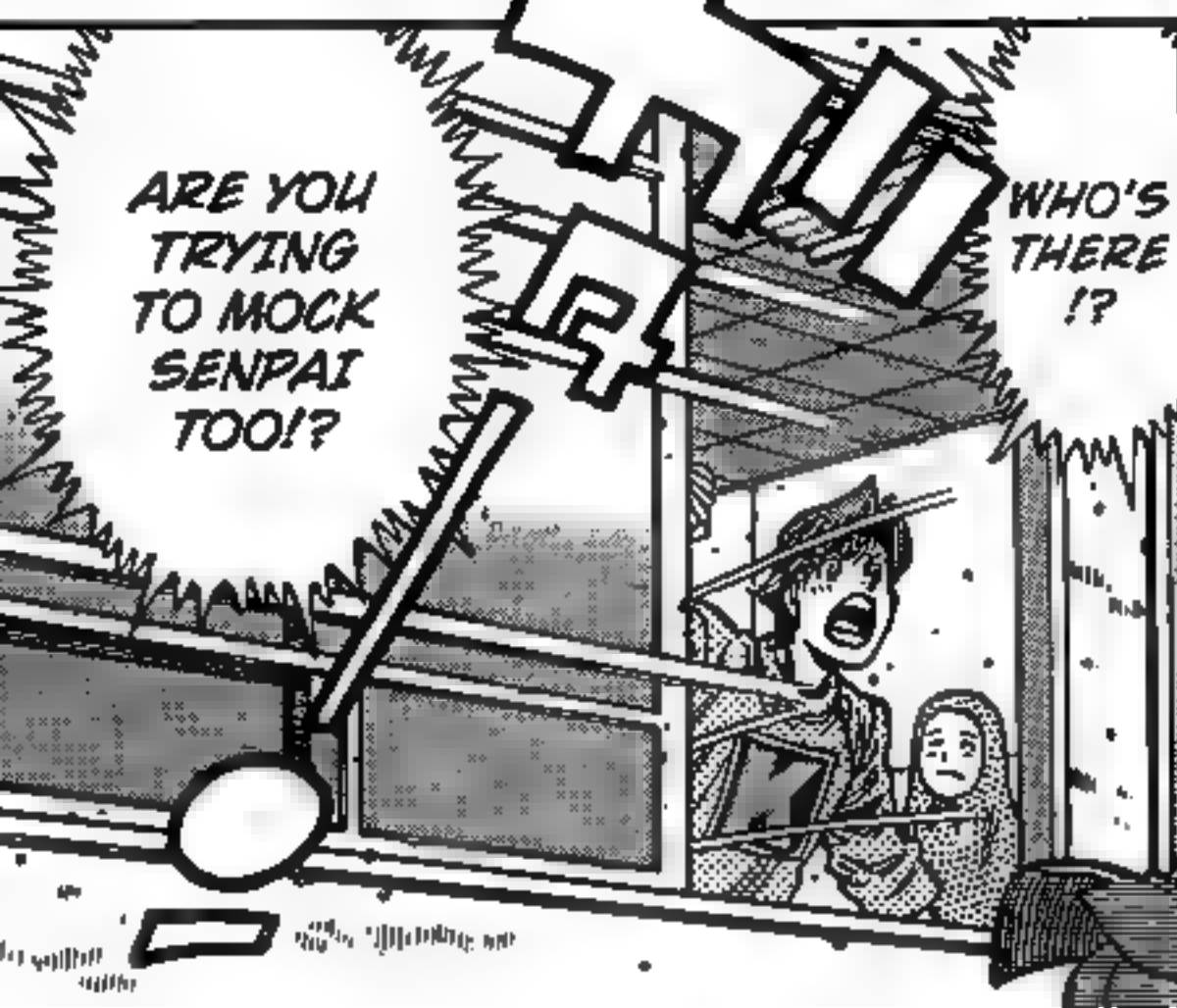
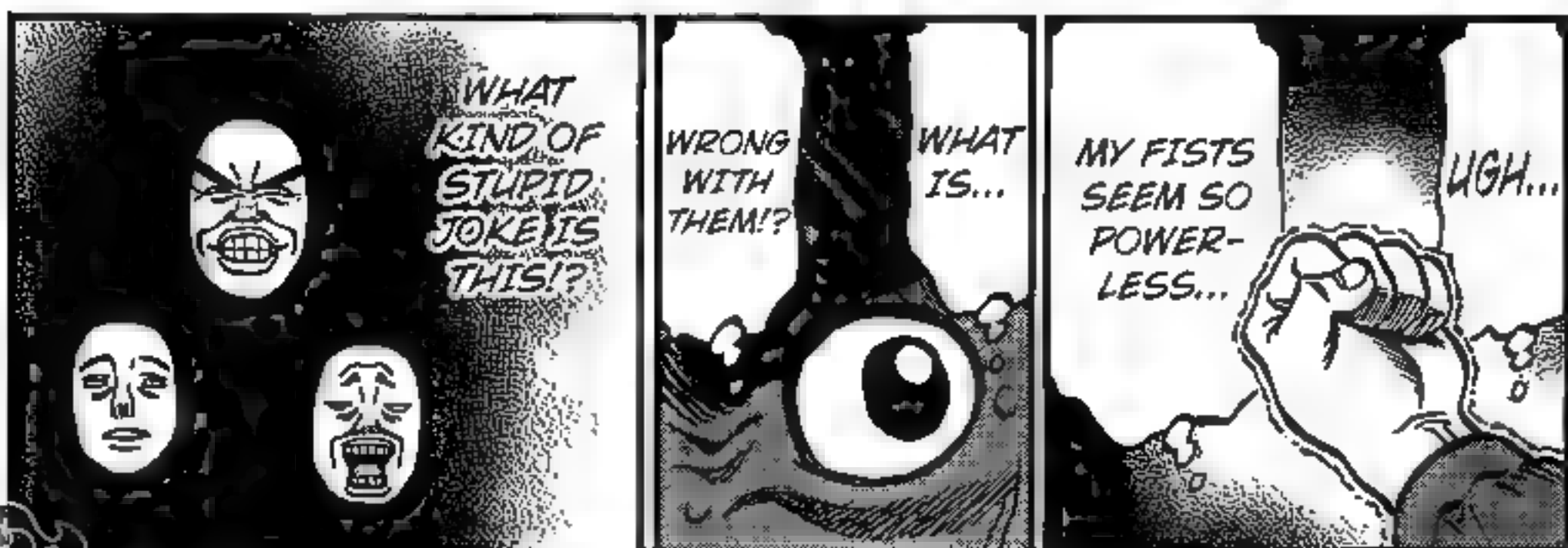
THOSE
THREE ARE
STUPID.

I'VE
KNOWN
THIS ALL
ALONG,
BUT...

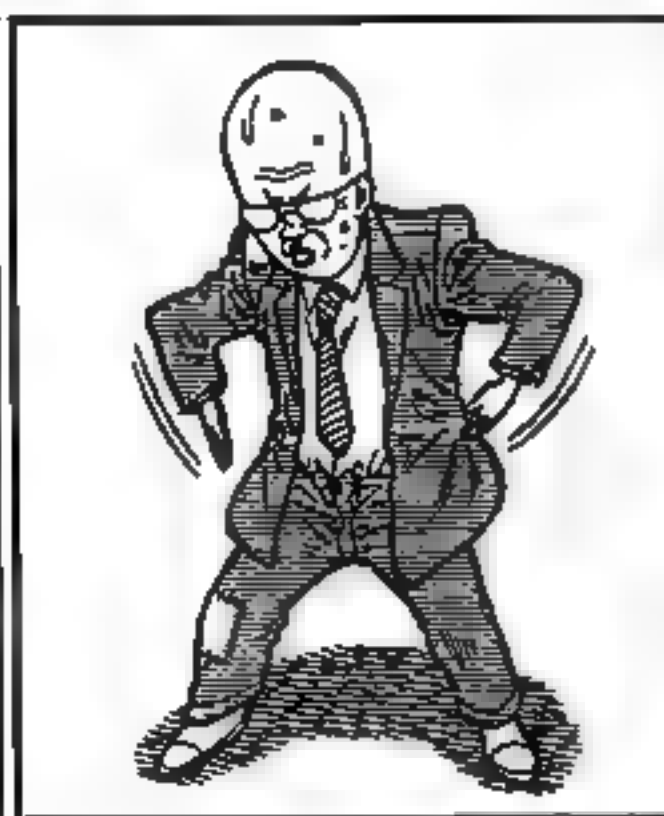
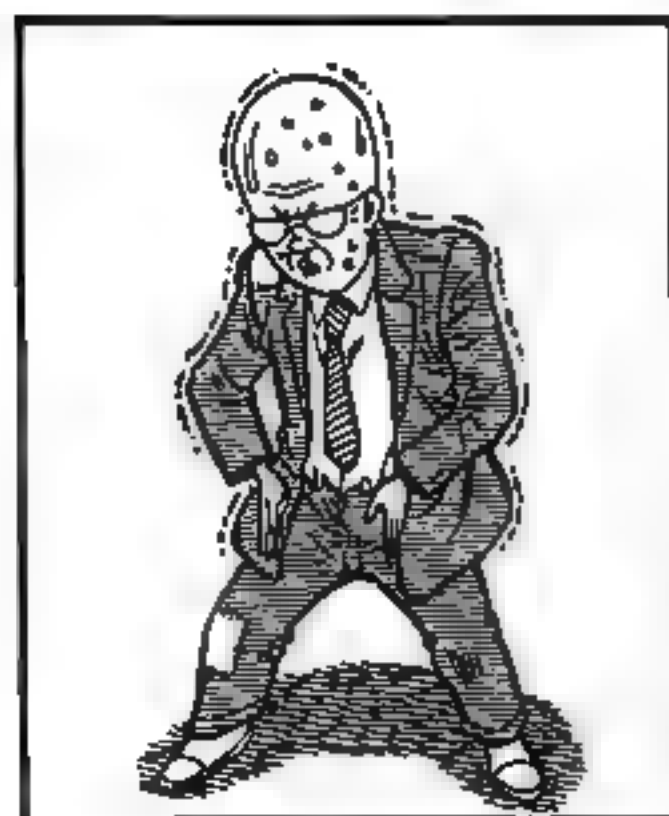


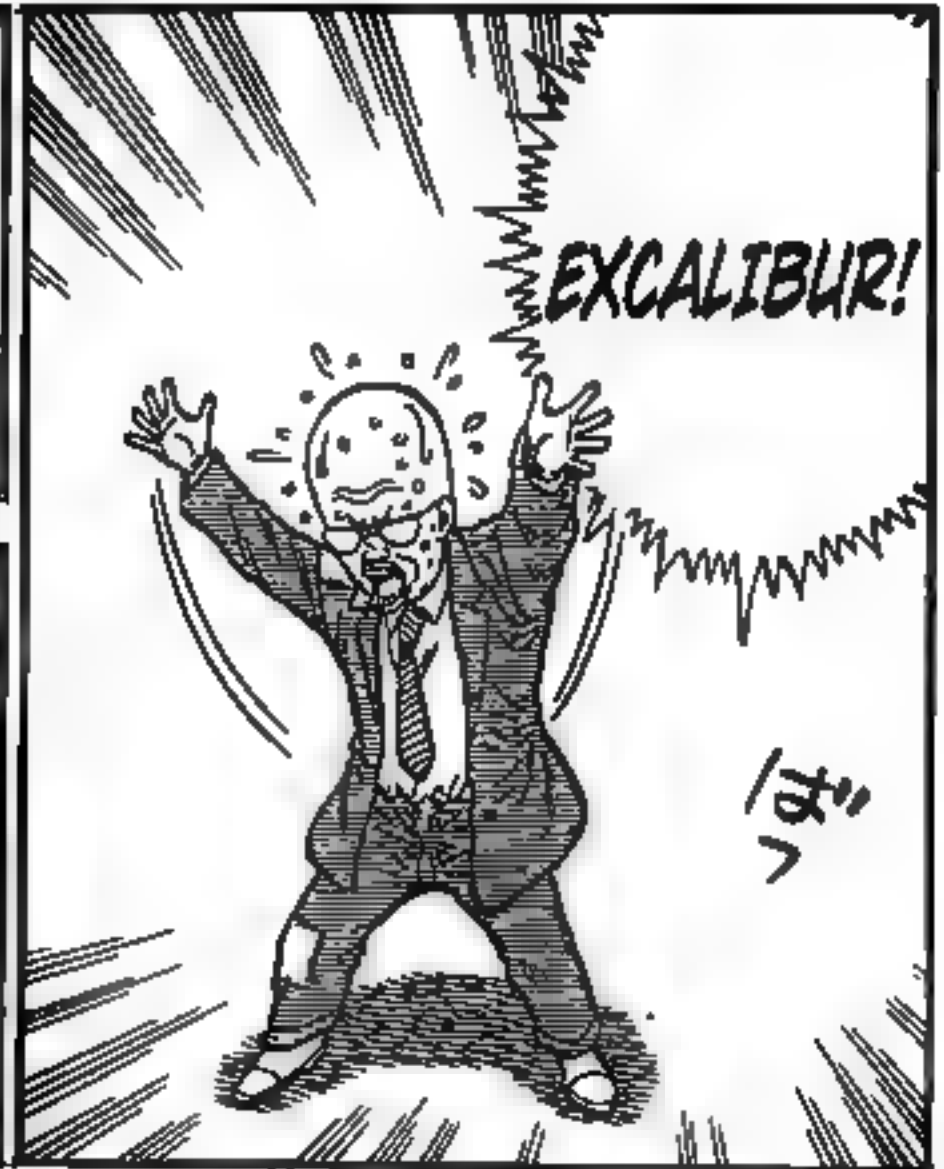
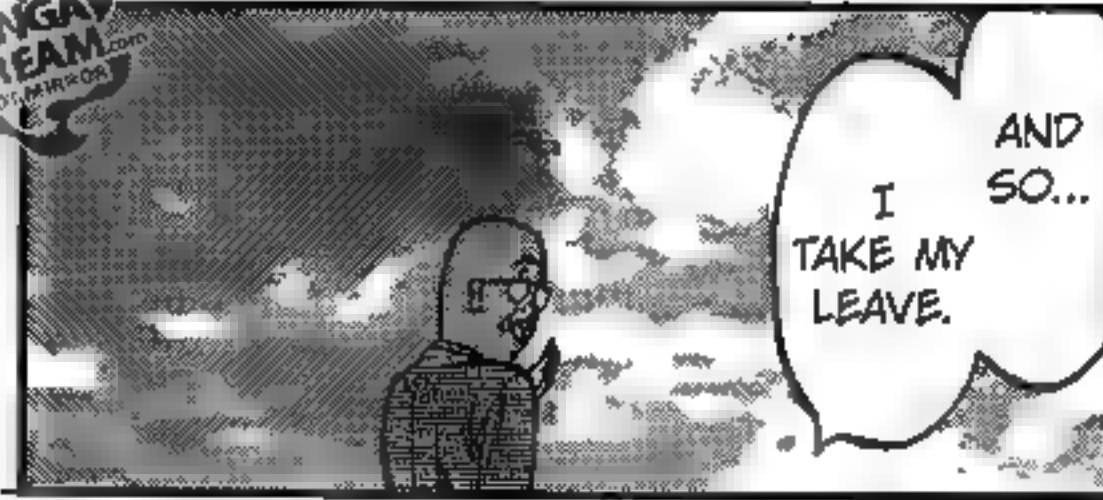
HEY,
IPPO!















ALFREDO
GONZALEZ.



HE'LL
BE...



EXTREMELY
TOUGH.

WHAT KIND OF FIGHTER WILL GONZALEZ BE? EVEN HIS NAME SEEMS STRONG!!

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新生活の必須アイテム スマホ

いじめられっ子だったが、**農村**との出会い
をきっかけに**騎川ジム**へ入門。フェザー級
でデビューし、2度目の**王座**獲得にして日本
王座に輝く。長らく待ち望んだ**宮田**との
試合が滞れた後は、**黒澤**の王者と戦い
世界を覇者することに、日本王座を返上し、
いざ世界の舞台へ!!

あらすじ 母之内一步はドジでいじめられっ子の高校生だったが、プロボクサー・黒川との出会いで、黒川ジムに入会を志願する。黒川会長からいさななりジムのホープ・宮田一郎とのスパーリングを命じられKO負け。一歩は、不屈の精神と不屈の片鱗を見せ、入門を認められる。数か月後、一步は宮田との再戦でKO勝利。抜かれた宮田はプロのリングで決着をつけようとしたためにジムを退席する。一步は決意を新たにプロボクサーを目指し、ボクテストを受験。デビュー戦、2戦番とKO勝ちを収め、黒川会長は日本新人王戦も勝ち進むが、決勝の相手は宮田を抜けた同輩だった。勇闘しながらも最終に勝利した一步はその後も黒川会長の新人王決定戦、大東ボクサー・美空トナオシと次々に勝利を収め、初めの王座戦に黒川会士になる。しかし試合は王将・伊達を倒し兼ねながら善戦むなしくKO負け。一步はプロデビュー当初までの黒髪を剃る。その後、一步は海軍兵デンジャー・ロールを身につけ再起戦を快願。日本王座を奪い全日本新人王決定戦で初勝利した千堂武士と再戦する。壮絶な死闘を闘った一步はついに日本王将になる。日本王座防衛を兼ねながら、東洋太平洋王将と黒川会長の試合を持ち戻り、一歩。ようやく試合が内定するも、黒川から試合の中止を申し出され、プロのリングでの決闘は再び遅れてしまうのだった。黒川会長の助言を受け、家業を継ぐに東洋太平洋最速のボクサーとなり、世界に挑戦する道を選んだ一步はタイ、仏国、インドネシアの黒川王将を続けて撃破。世界ランクを7位まで上げ、ついに世界前哨戦が内定する。日本フェザー級を奪い、目指すは世界の頂！ 一步の挑戦は続く!!

次なる敵は世界2位のメキシカン!

次なる敵は世界2位のメキシカン!
ここを勝てば世界挑戦は目の前だ!!
激しさを増す戦いに注目してくれ!!

REACHING THE TOP ONE FIGHT AT A TIME! THE BOXING TALE WITH OVER 92 MILLION COPIES IN CIRCULATION!

Boxing Tale

THE FIGHTING!

GEORGE MORIKAWA

"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE STRONG?"
IN PURSUIT OF THAT ANSWER...

WAKUMONCHIT IT IN
TAKES ON THE WORLD!!

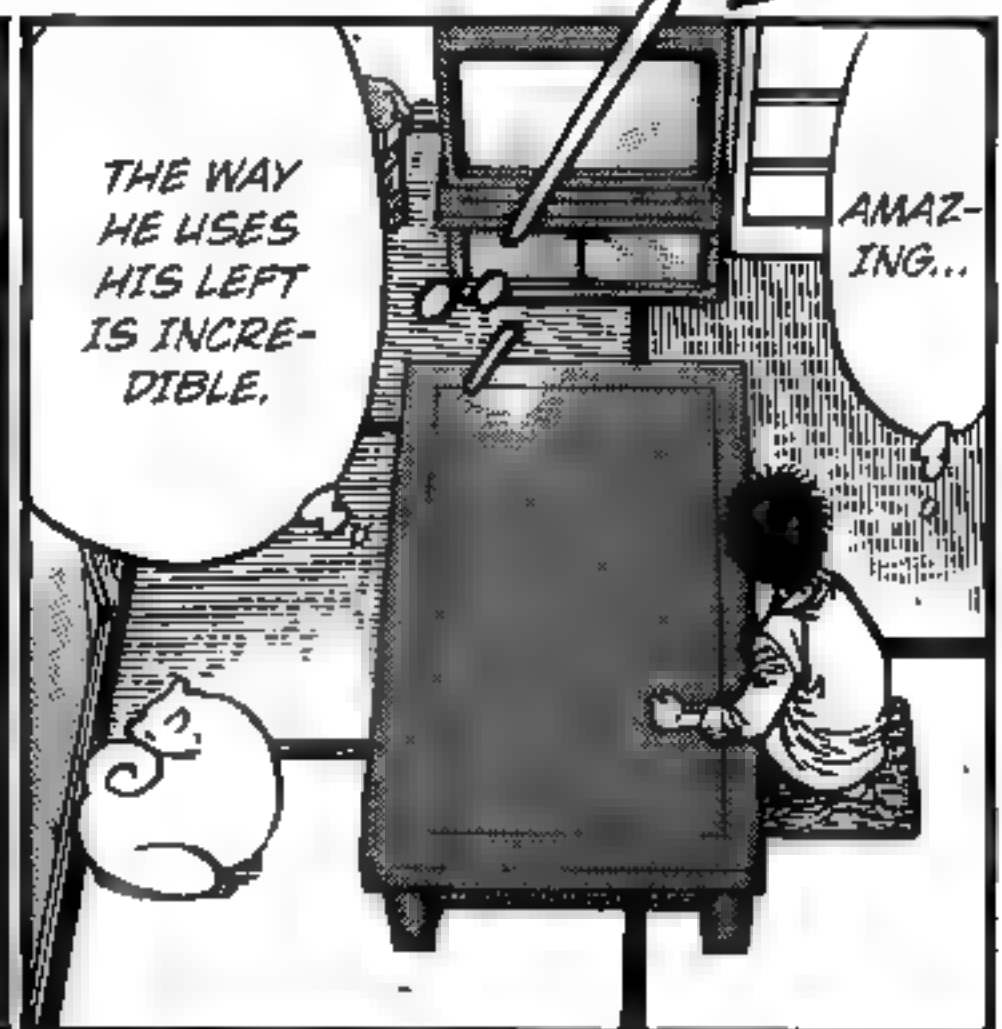
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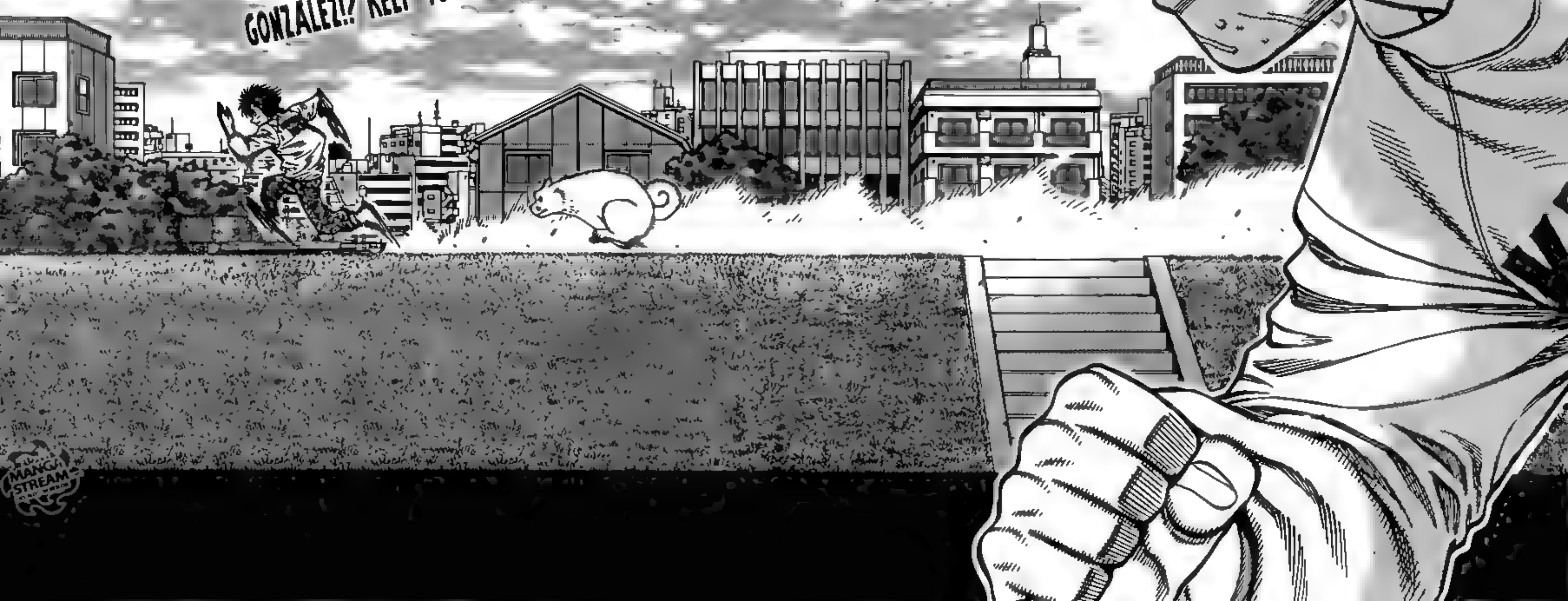


HIS NEXT OPPONENT IS RANKED NUMBER TWO IN THE WORLD! THE STUDY INTENSIFIES!



はじめての THE FIGHTING! GEORGE MORIKAWA

IPPO'S CHALLENGES AGAINST THE WORLD
STAGE APPROACHES! WHAT KIND OF OPPONENT IS
GONZALEZ!? KEEP YOUR EYES GLUED TO FIND OUT!!





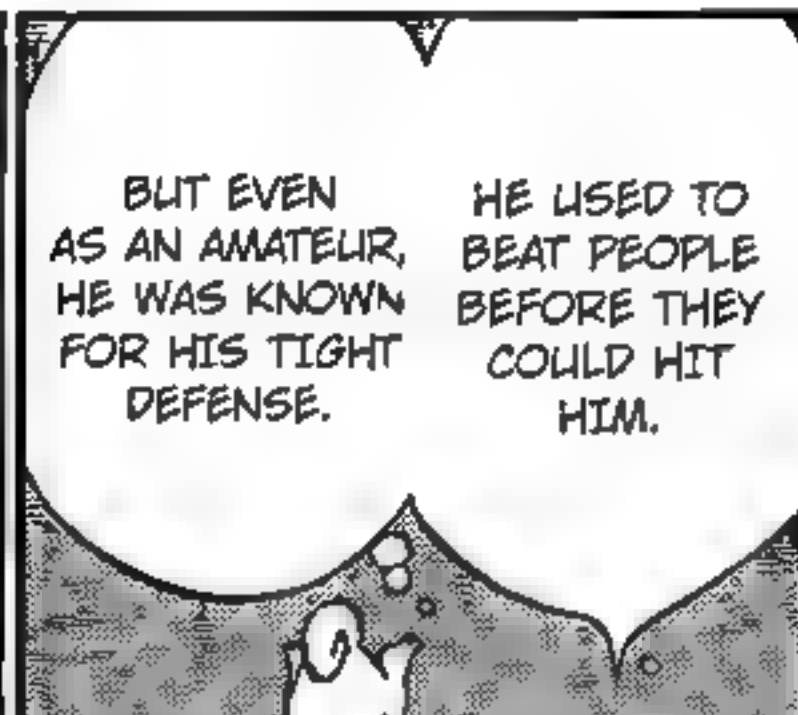


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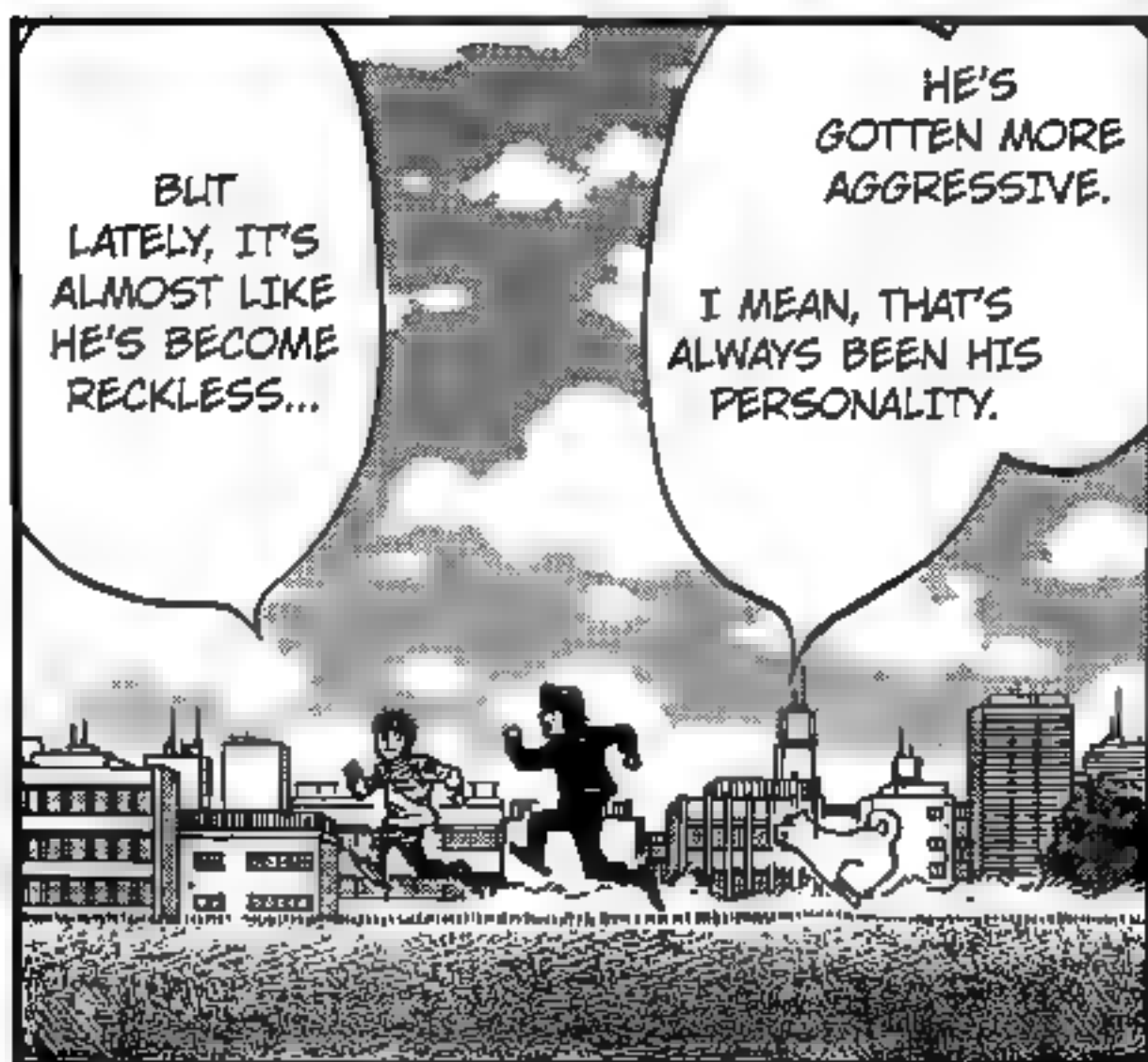
NOT
ANY-
MORE
...?

SO...



BUT EVEN
AS AN AMATEUR,
HE WAS KNOWN
FOR HIS TIGHT
DEFENSE.

HE USED TO
BEAT PEOPLE
BEFORE THEY
COULD HIT
HIM.



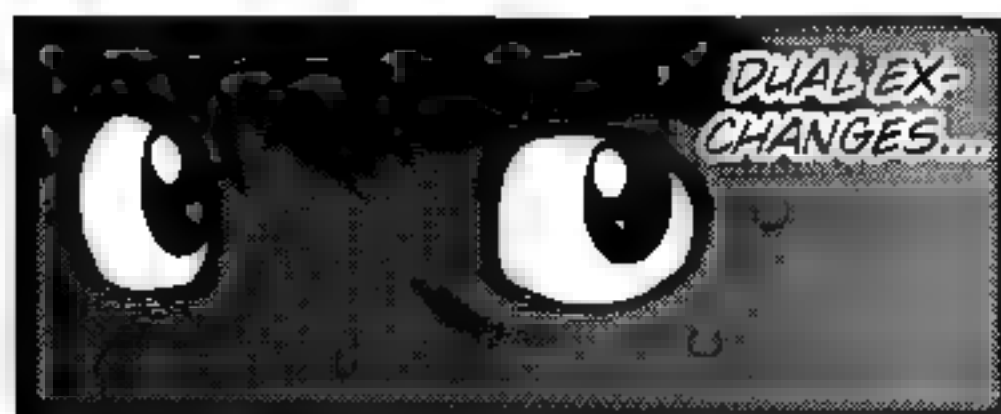
BUT
LATELY, IT'S
ALMOST LIKE
HE'S BECOME
RECKLESS...

HE'S
GOTTEN MORE
AGGRESSIVE.

I MEAN, THAT'S
ALWAYS BEEN HIS
PERSONALITY.



MANGA
STREAM
DO NOT HARBOR



DUAL EX-
CHANGES...



SO
THEY WOULD
UP TRADING OFF
HEAVY BLOWS
WITH THEIR
RIGHTS.
OVER
AND OVER
AGAIN...

THE
OPPONENT
IN HIS LATEST
MATCH WAS A
TOUGH GUY
TOO,

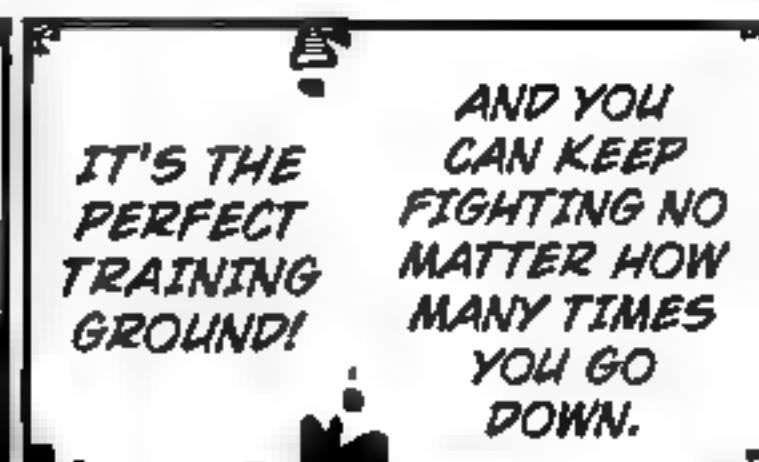


WHAT MAKES
IT WORSE IS
THAT HE TENDS
TO COME OUT
ON TOP.

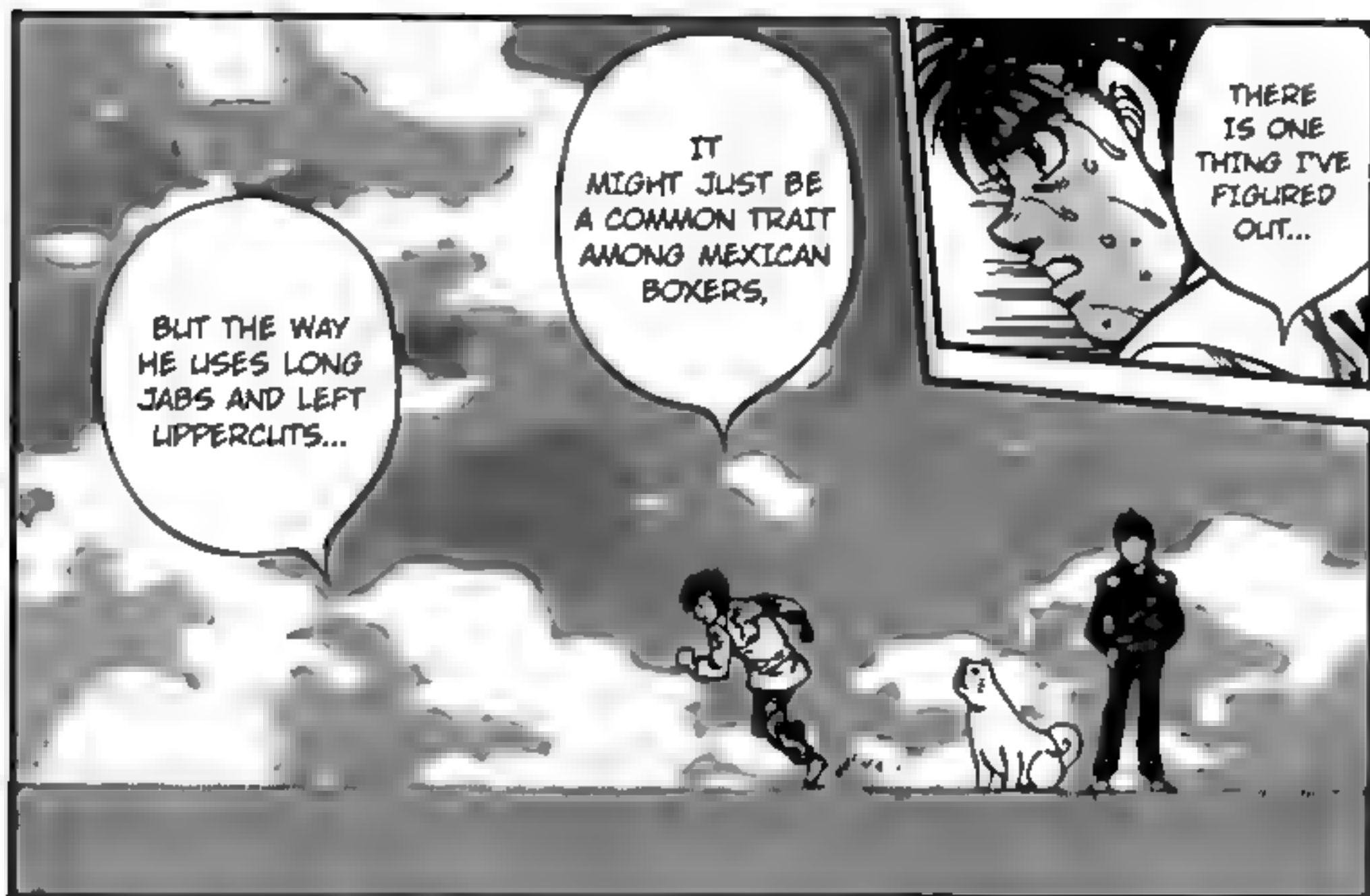
HE'S PICKED
UP THE HABIT
OF GOING FOR
DUAL EXCHANGES TOO...



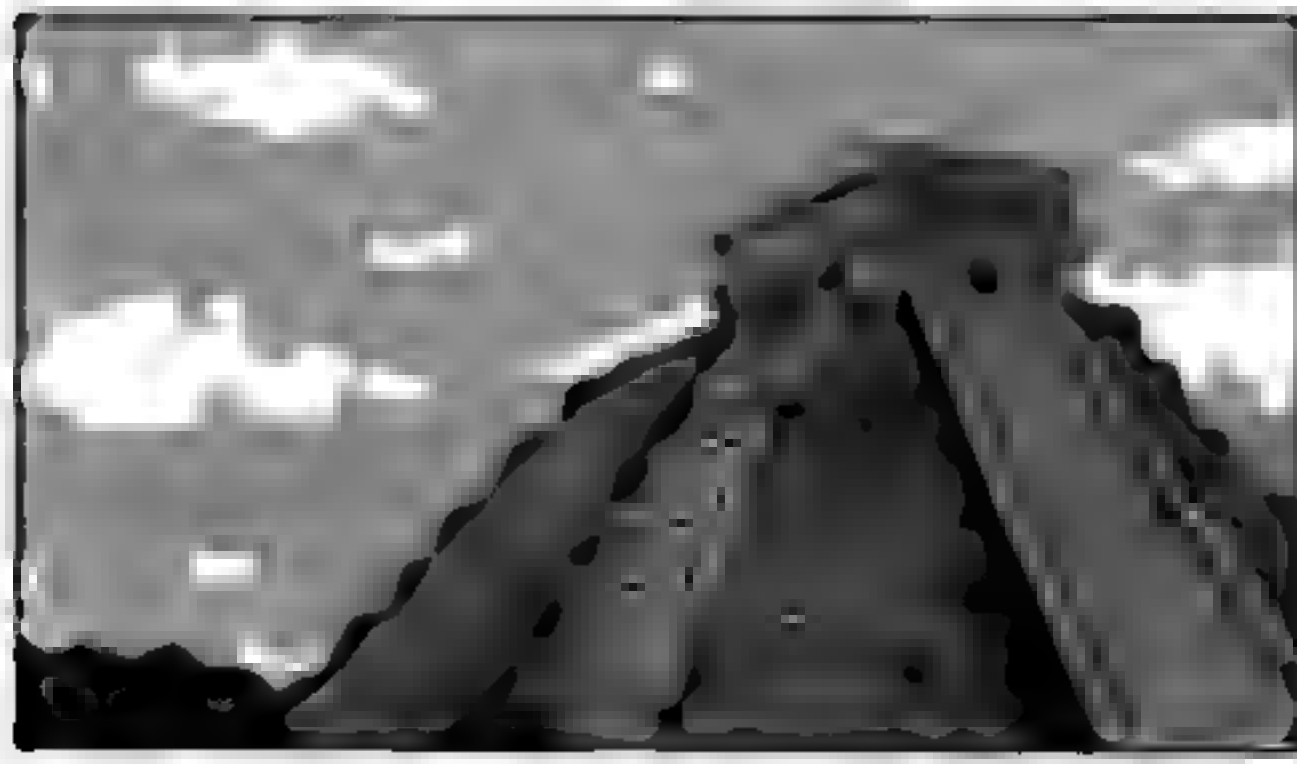
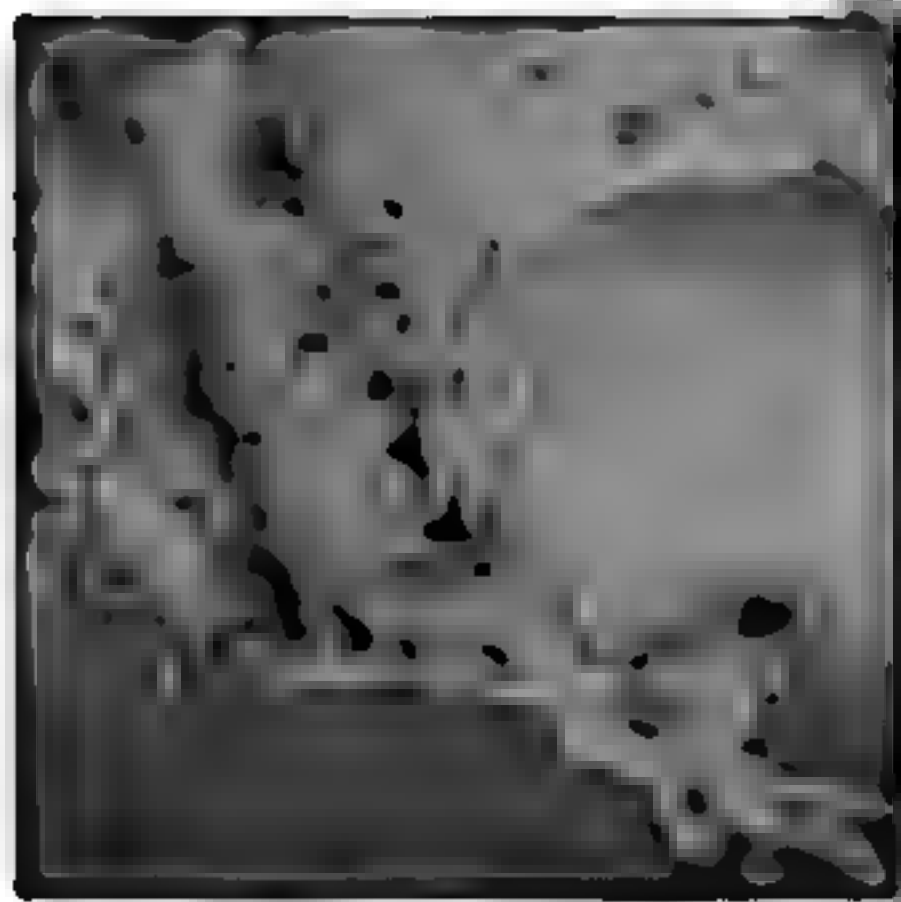
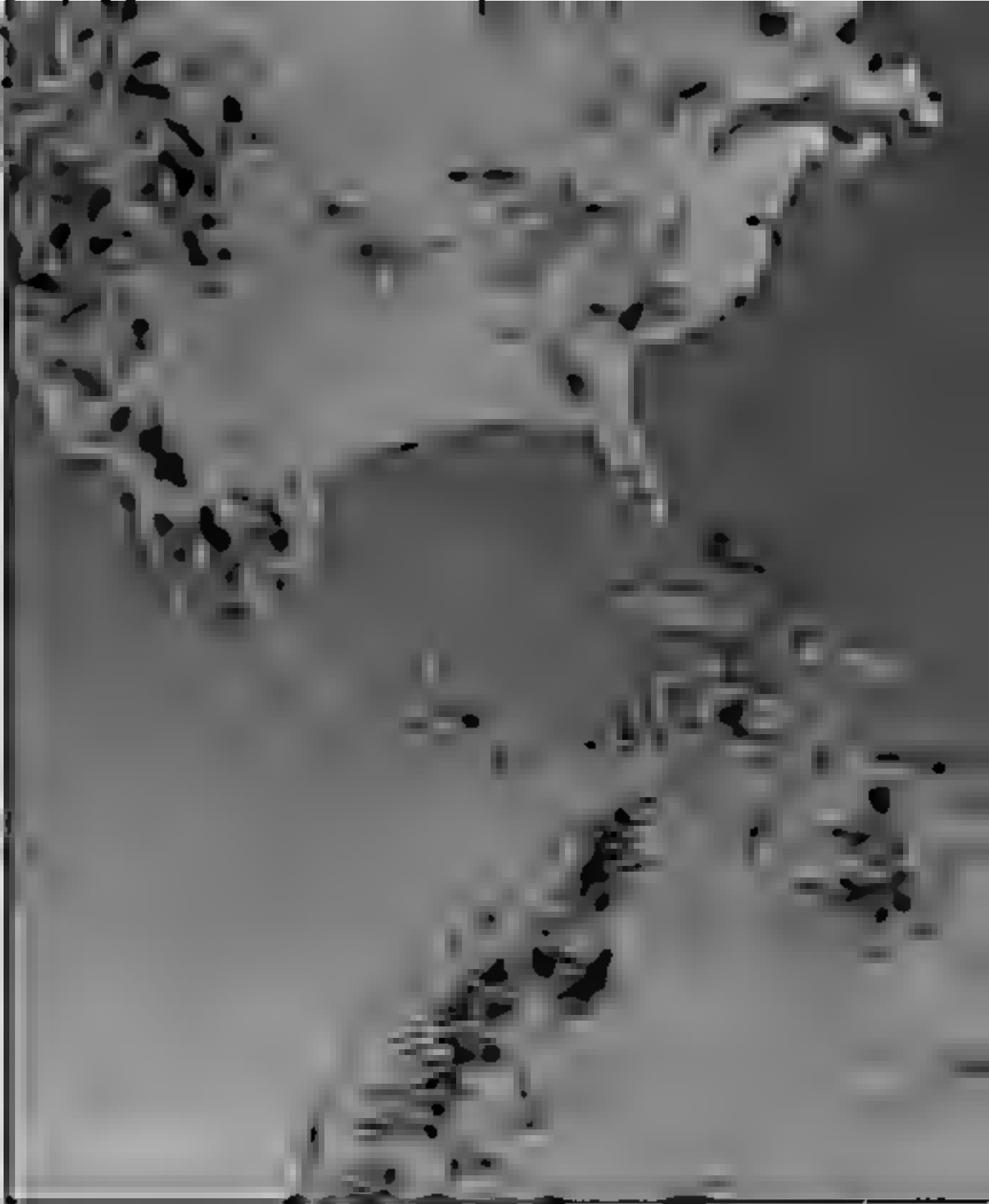


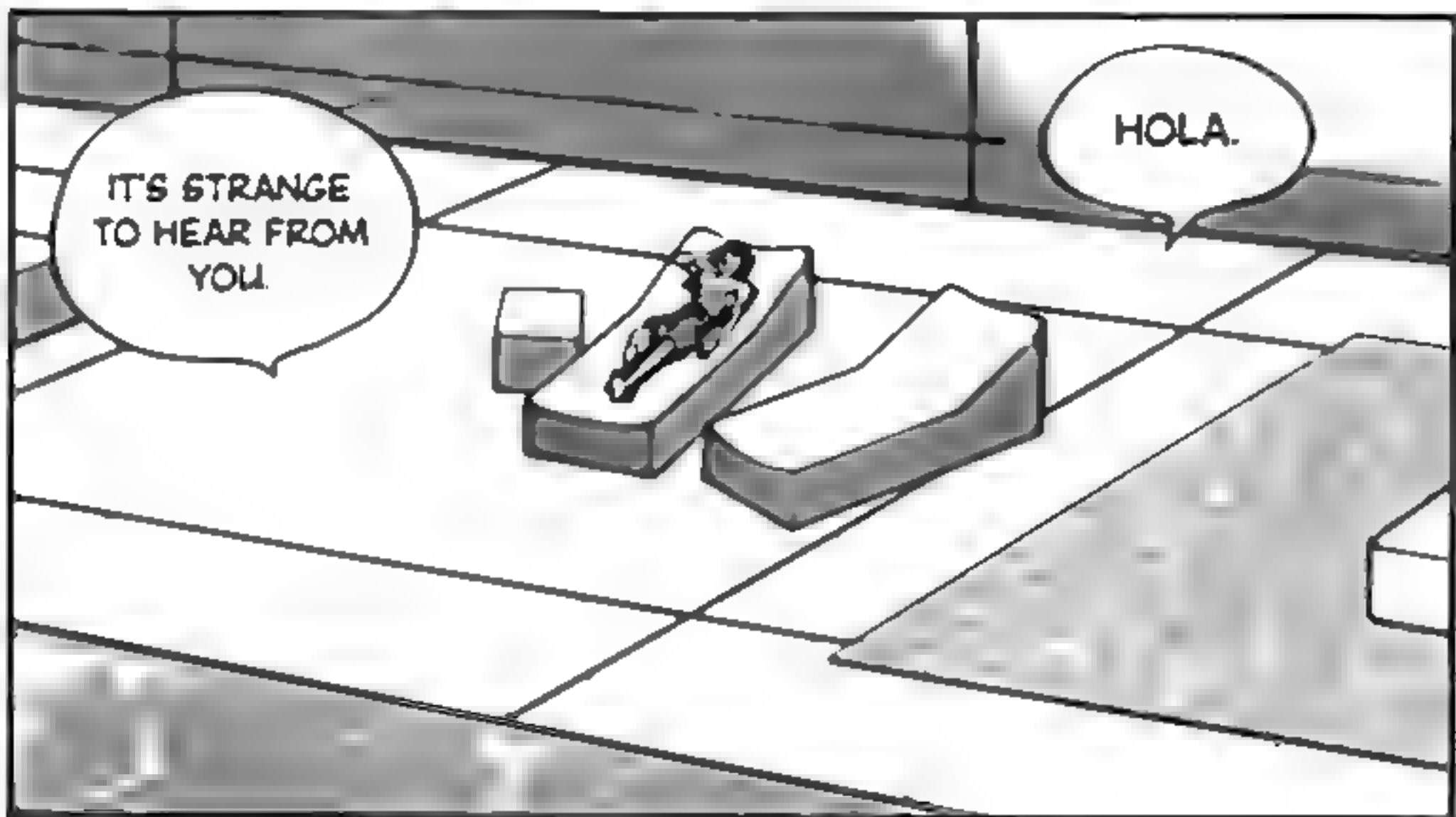
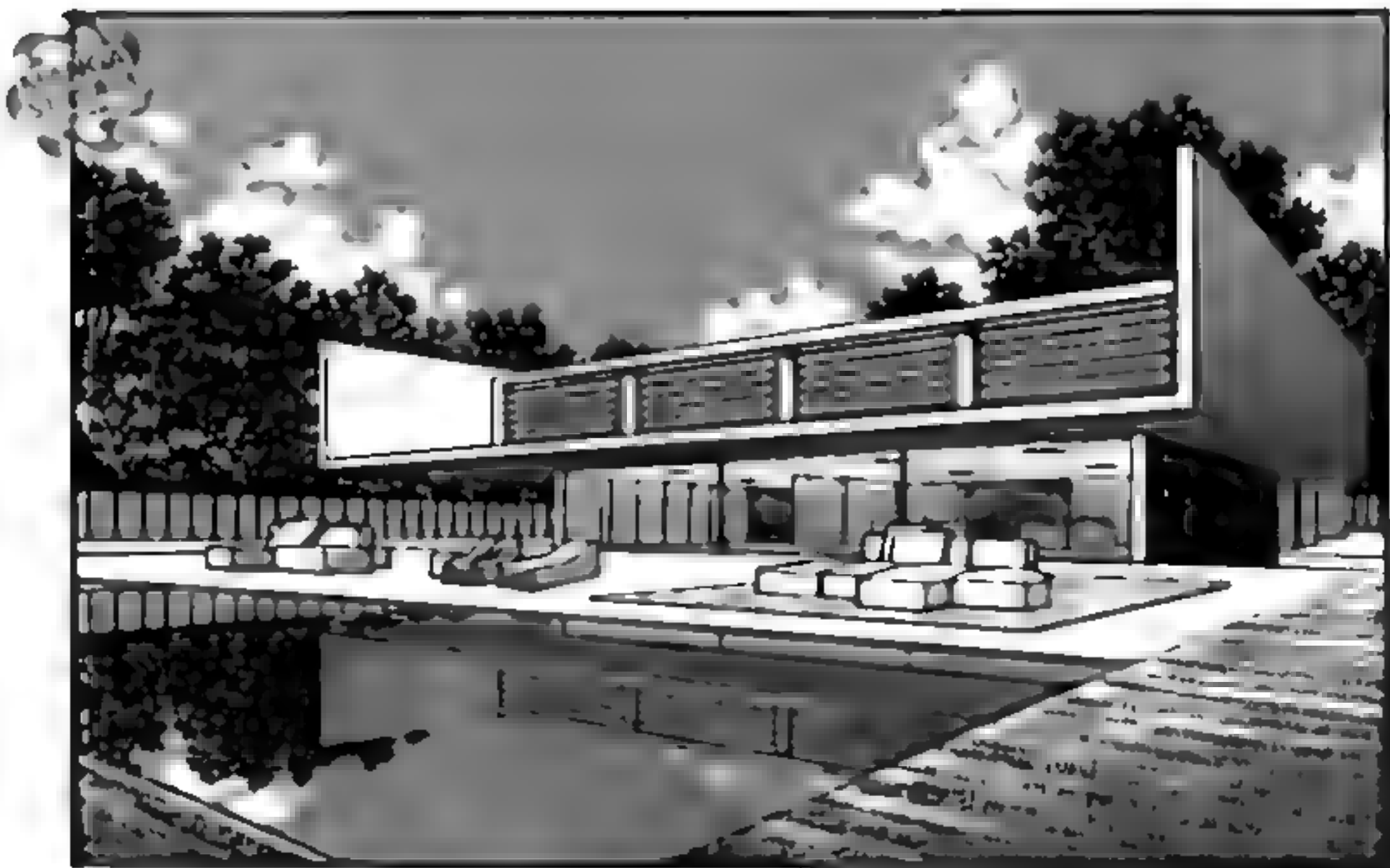












I WANT YOU
TO CONSIDER
A SECOND
REMATCH.

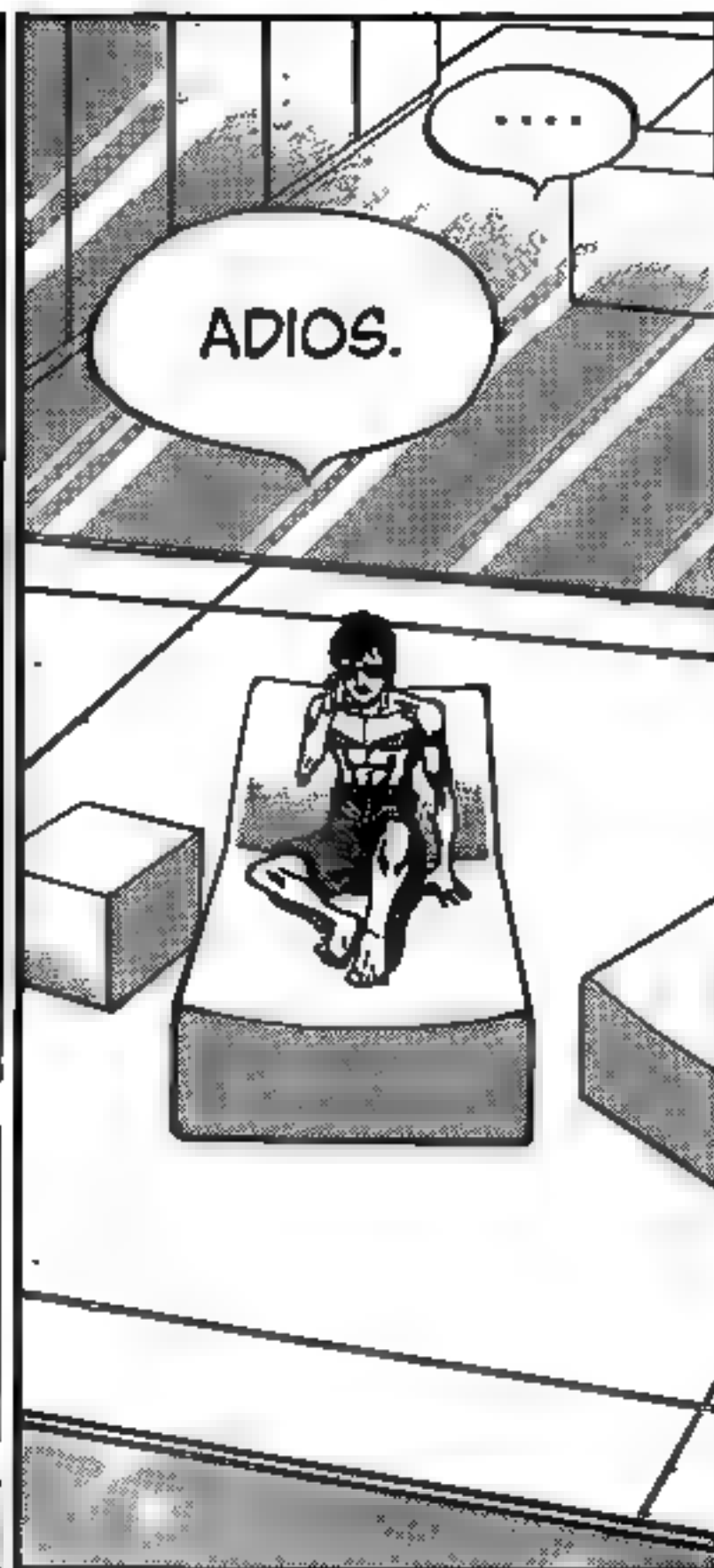
I'LL GET
RIGHT TO IT.

ALFREDO.

WHAT CAN I DO
FOR YOU?









DEMPSEY
ROLL!

THE BOY
WITH THE...



I WOULD HAVE
TOLD HIM TO BE
CAREFUL

THAT'S A
SHAME. IF I HAD
REMEMBERED..

THE STRONGEST MAN REMEMBERS IPO'S FISTS! HERE HE COMES, WORLD!!

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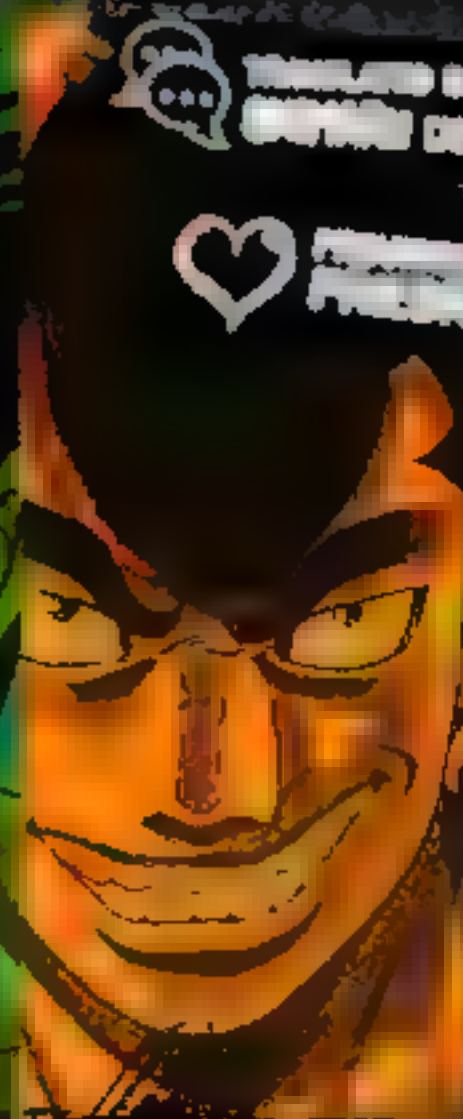
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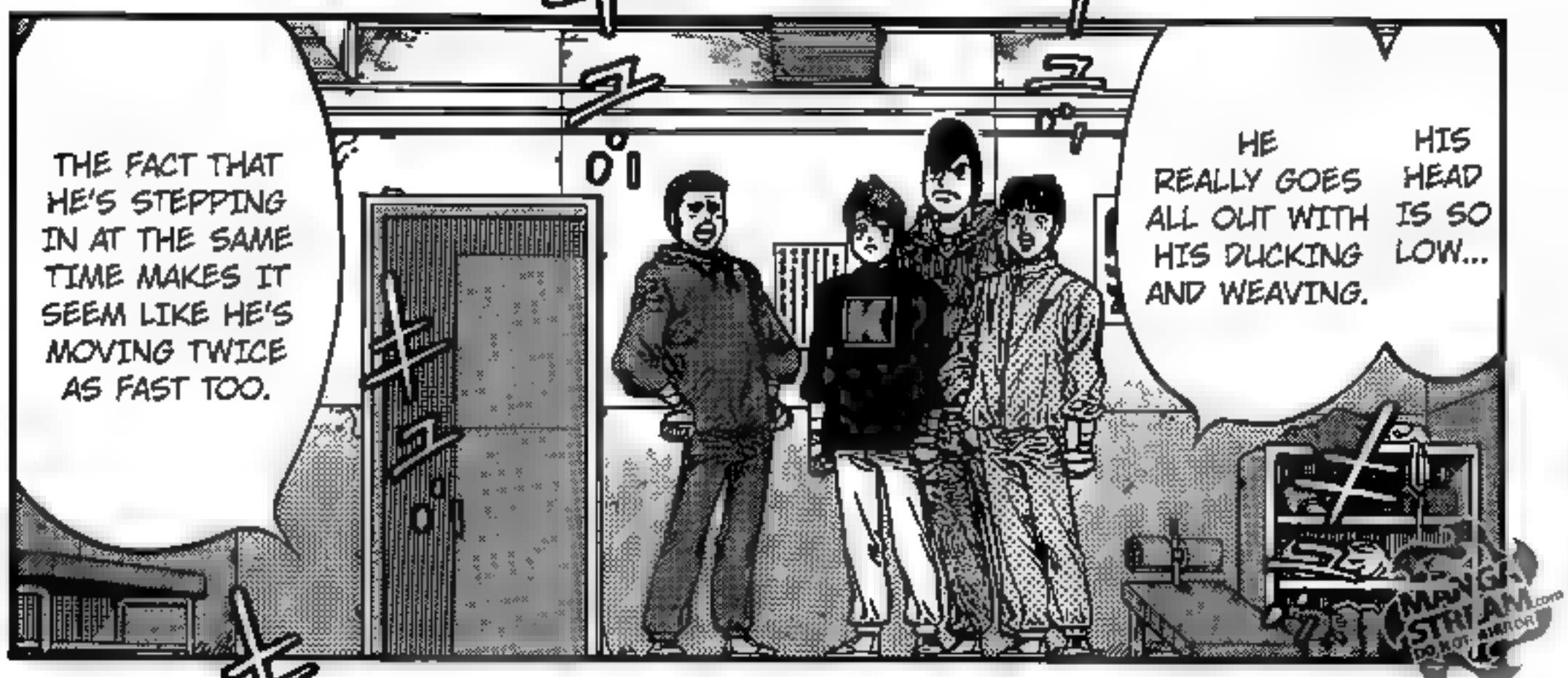
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GEORGE MORIKAWA

A PRELIMINARY MATCH AGAINST THE BOXER RANKED
SECOND IN THE GLOBAL RANKINGS APPROACHES!
WHAT IS THE KAMOGAWA GYM'S STRATEGY!?





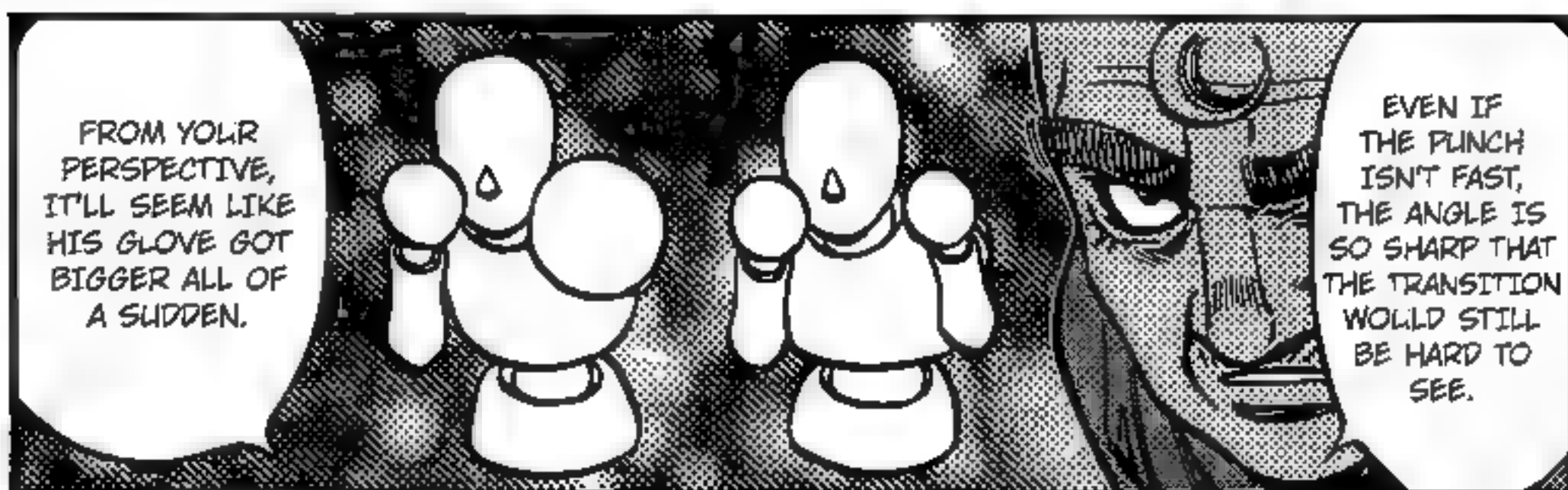


SO IT SEEMS LIKE THEIR FISTS SIMPLY FLY OUT FROM THEIR READY POSITION.

THERE'S NO BUILD-UP IN THEIR SHOULDER OR ELBOWS,

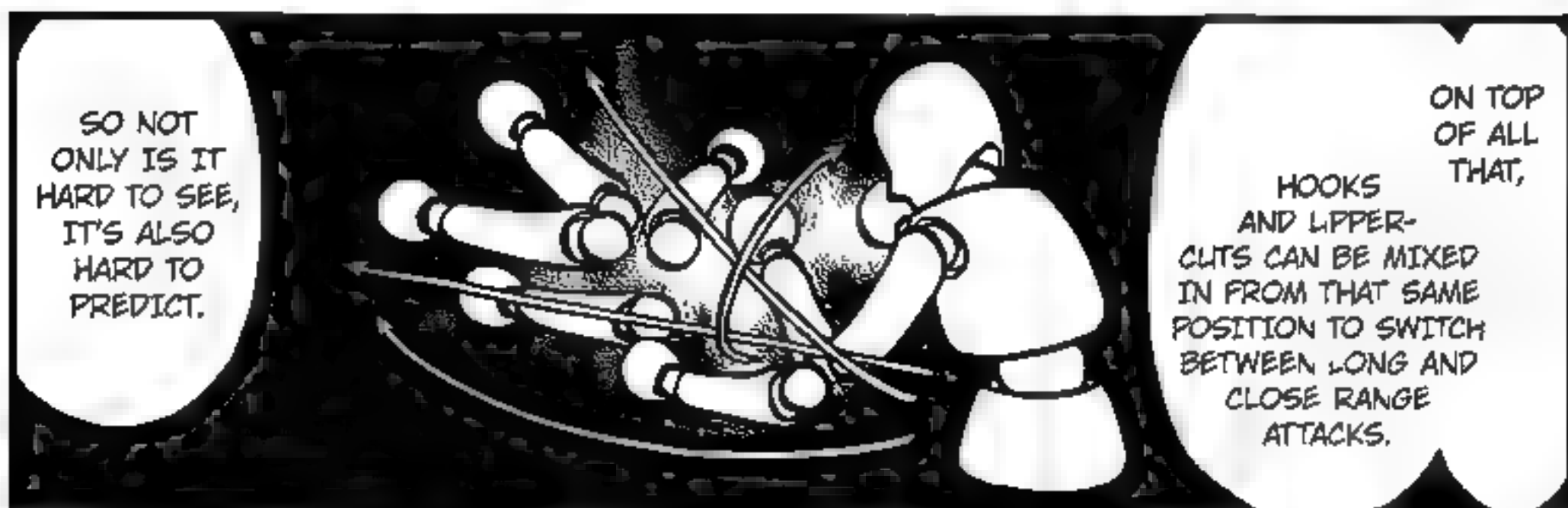
A LOT OF MEXICAN BOXERS EXHIBIT LEFTS THAT EXTEND FAR AND HIT HARD.

I AGREE WITH YOU.



FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, IT'LL SEEM LIKE HIS GLOVE GOT BIGGER ALL OF A SUDDEN.

EVEN IF THE PUNCH ISN'T FAST, THE ANGLE IS SO SHARP THAT THE TRANSITION WOULD STILL BE HARD TO SEE.



SO NOT ONLY IS IT HARD TO SEE, IT'S ALSO HARD TO PREDICT.

ON TOP OF ALL THAT, HOOKS AND LIPPER-CUTS CAN BE MIXED IN FROM THAT SAME POSITION TO SWITCH BETWEEN LONG AND CLOSE RANGE ATTACKS.



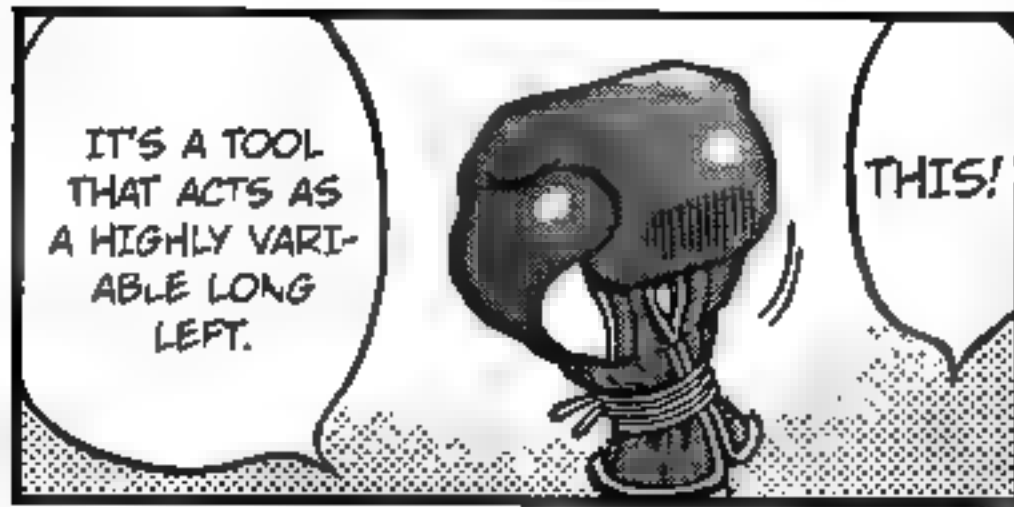
HERE YOU GO, COACH!



AND SO...

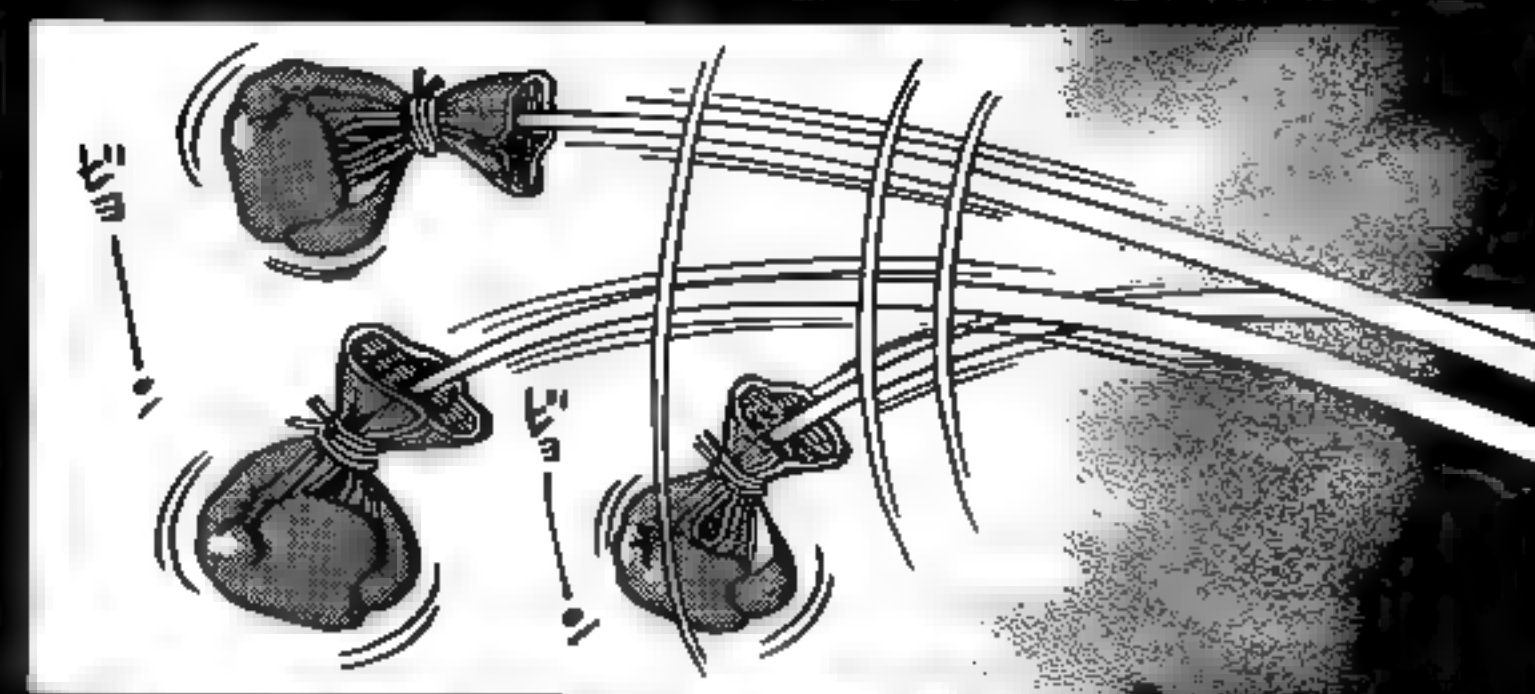
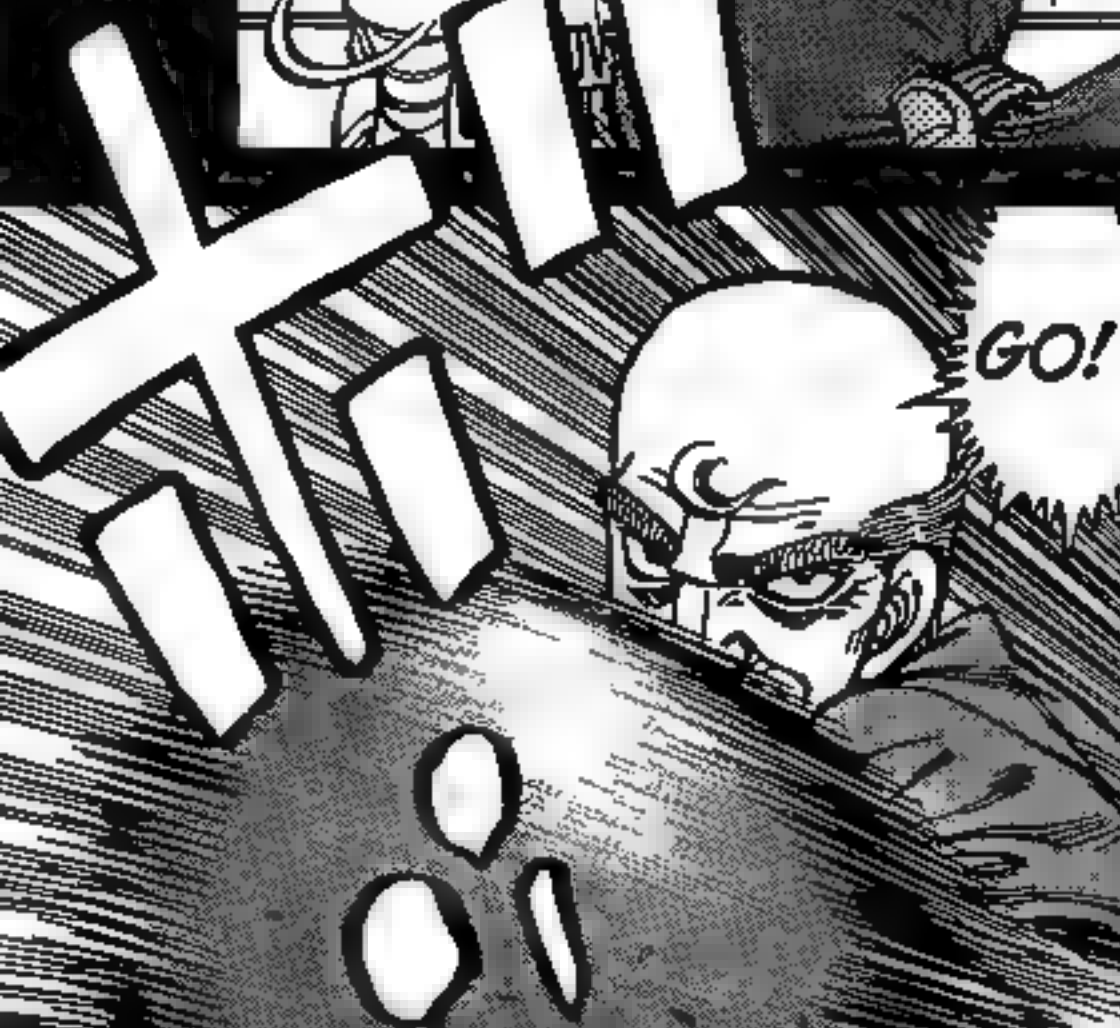


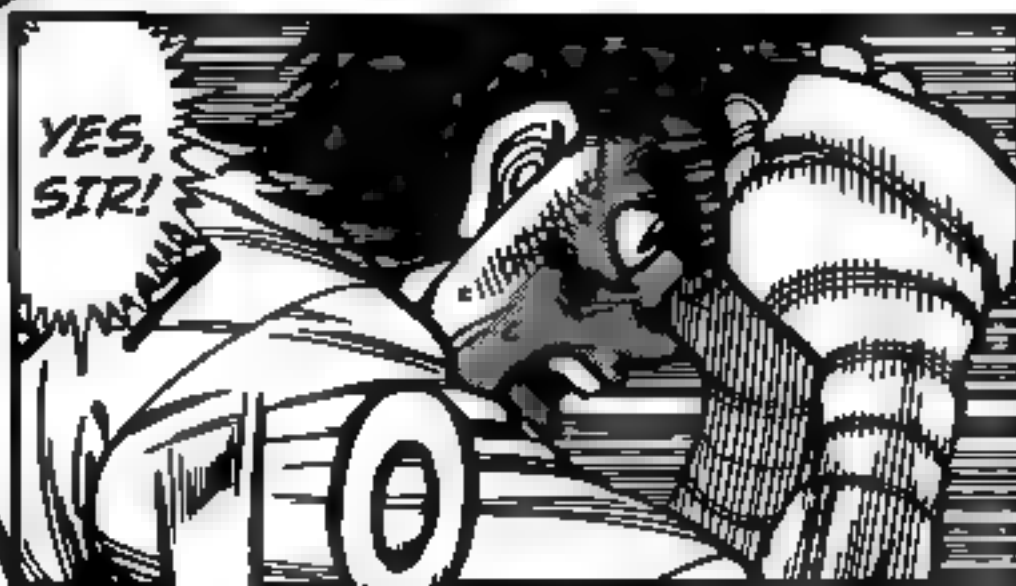
WHAT THE...





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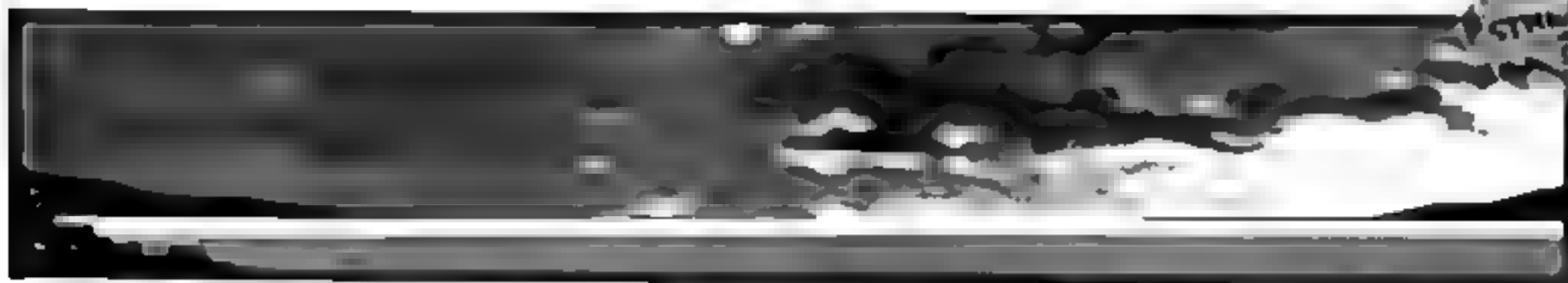
IT
MUST BE
A TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
LEVEL.

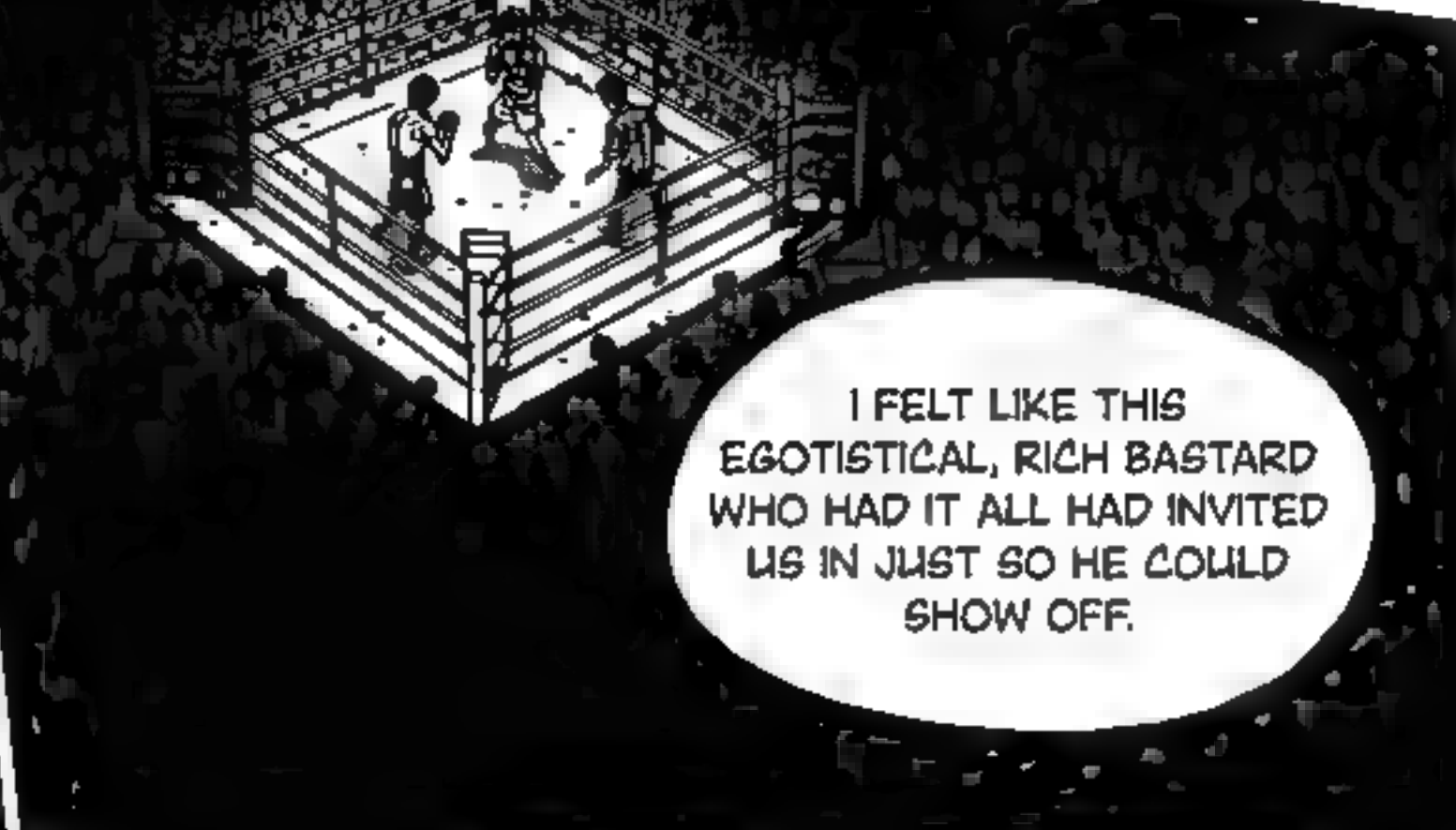
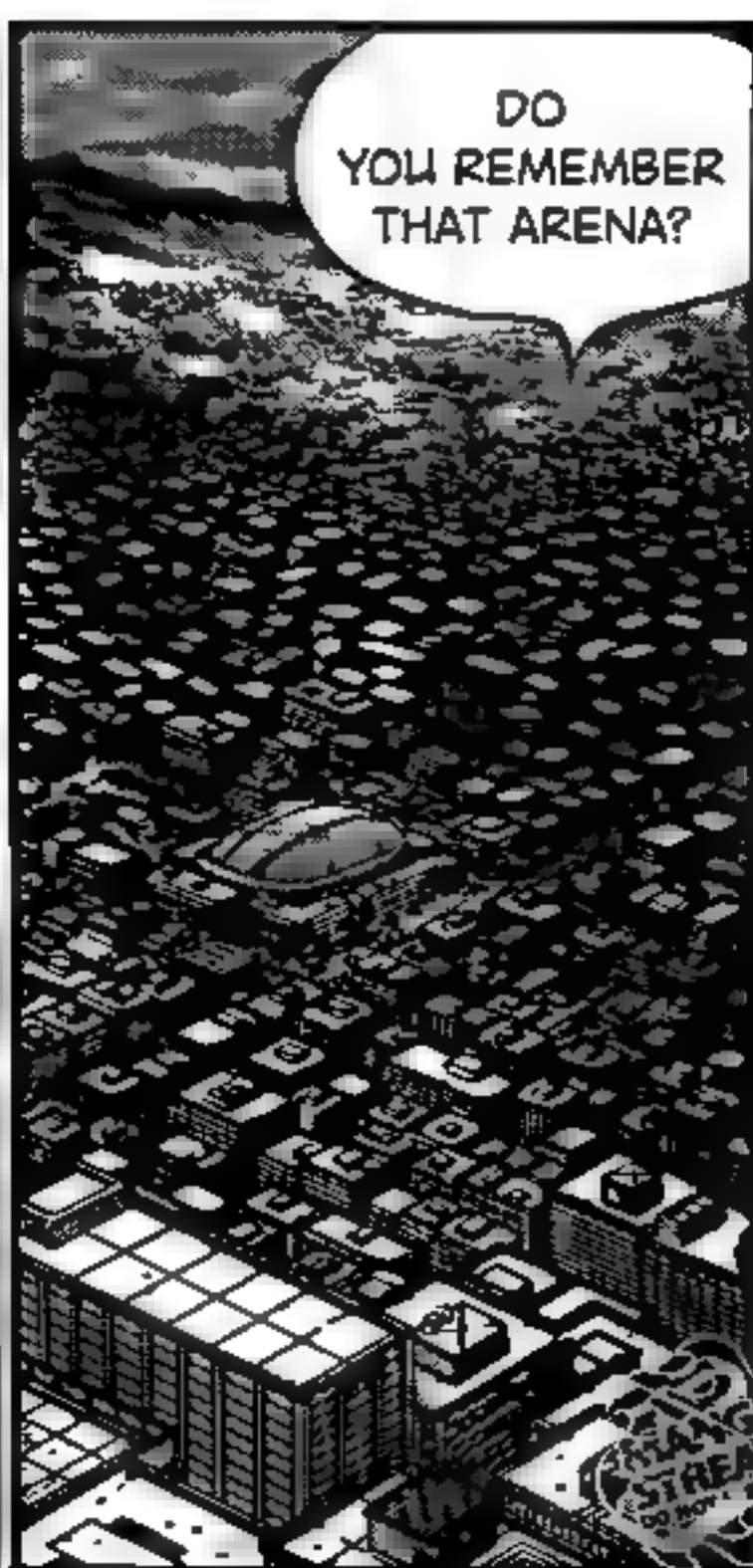
HE
CAN BARELY
COPE WITH
THOSE.

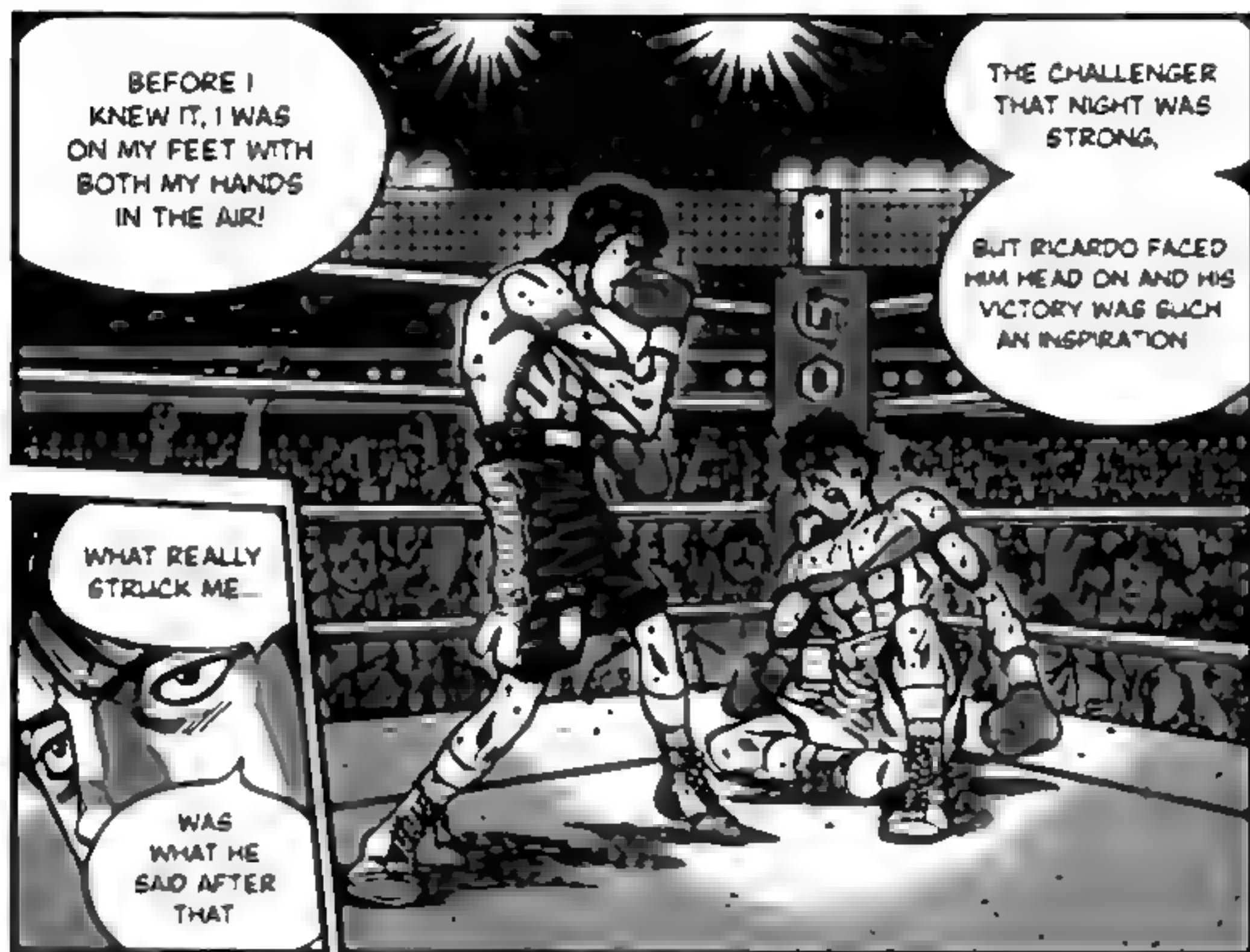
EVEN
THOUGH
HE'S GONE
UP AGAINST
FLICKER JABS
AND THE
HIEN,



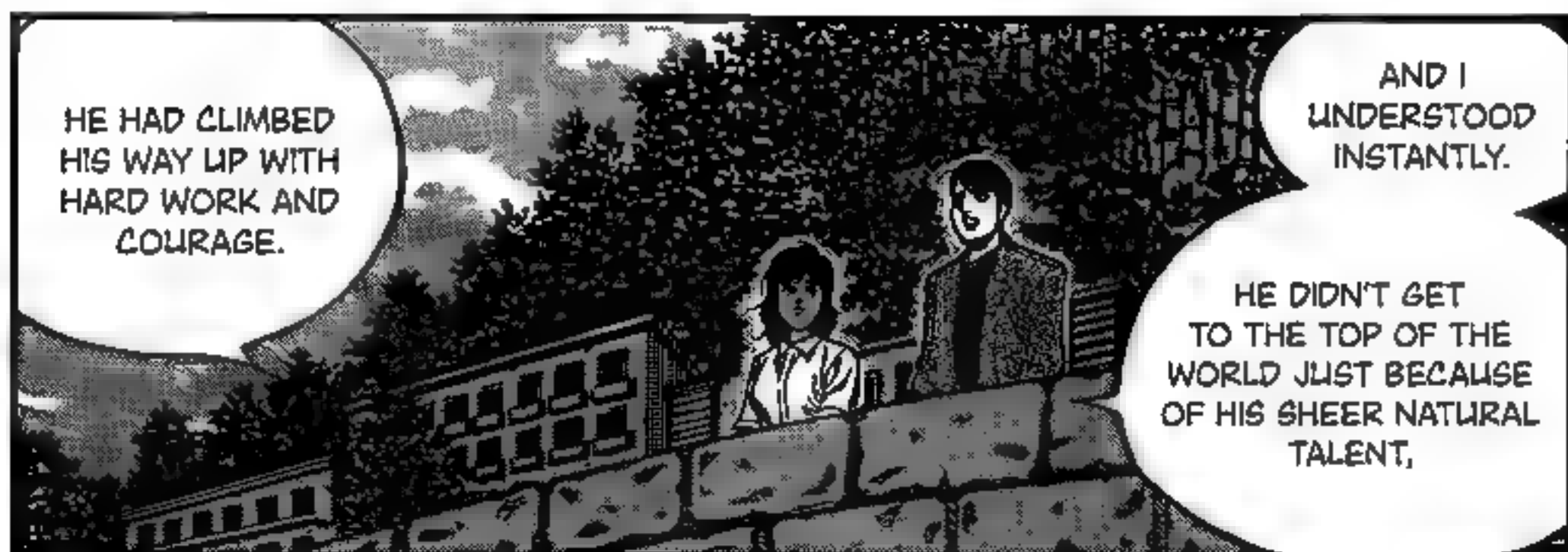








THIS MAN HAS A REASON HE CAN'T LOSE TOO! THE BATTLE DRAWS NEAR!!



HE HAD CLIMBED
HIS WAY UP WITH
HARD WORK AND
COURAGE.

AND I
UNDERSTOOD
INSTANTLY.

HE DIDN'T GET
TO THE TOP OF THE
WORLD JUST BECAUSE
OF HIS SHEER NATURAL
TALENT,



MACHISMO...



IT STRUCK
ME...

RIGHT
HERE.

I WANT TO
GO THERE TOO...
TO WHERE HE
IS!



HIS WORDS
STRUCK ME AS
SOMETHING AN
AZTEC GOD
MIGHT SAY!

WHEN A MAN
ACTS THE WAY A
MAN SHOULD.



INSIDE
THE RING!

EVER SINCE
THAT DAY, HE'S
BEEN MY IDOL
AND MY GOAL.

AND THERE'S
ONLY WAY TO
REACH HIM...

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SLIP PAST THE RAZOR SHARP LEFTS! BEYOND THEM, THE WORLD AWAITS!!

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THE FIGHTING!

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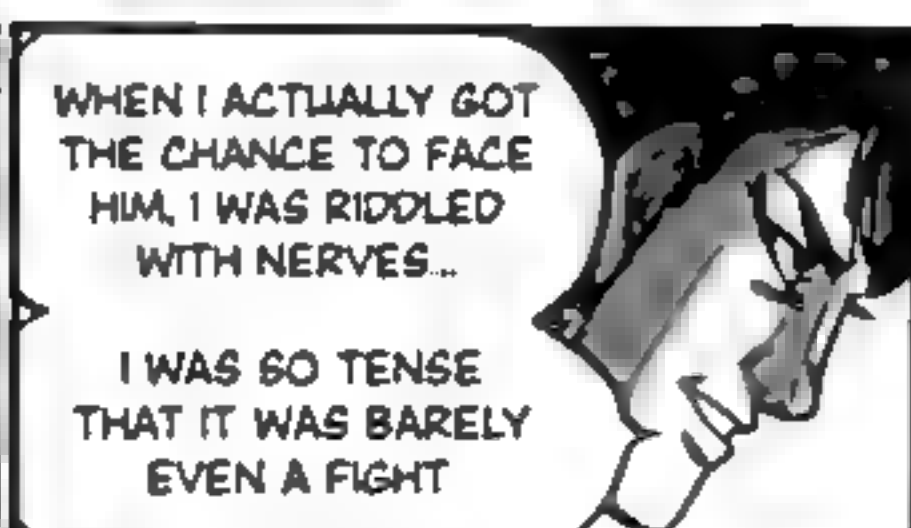


I TOLD MYSELF
THAT IF I COULD KEEP
WINNING, I WOULD REACH
RICARDO ONE DAY.

AND MY
CHILDHOOD
DREAM CAME
TRUE, BUT...



THE SECOND
TIME WAS
WORSE.



WHEN I ACTUALLY GOT
THE CHANCE TO FACE
HIM, I WAS RIDDLED
WITH NERVES...

I WAS SO TENSE
THAT IT WAS BARELY
EVEN A FIGHT



I DON'T WANT
TO SEE YOU LIKE
THAT AGAIN.

PLEASE,
ALF!

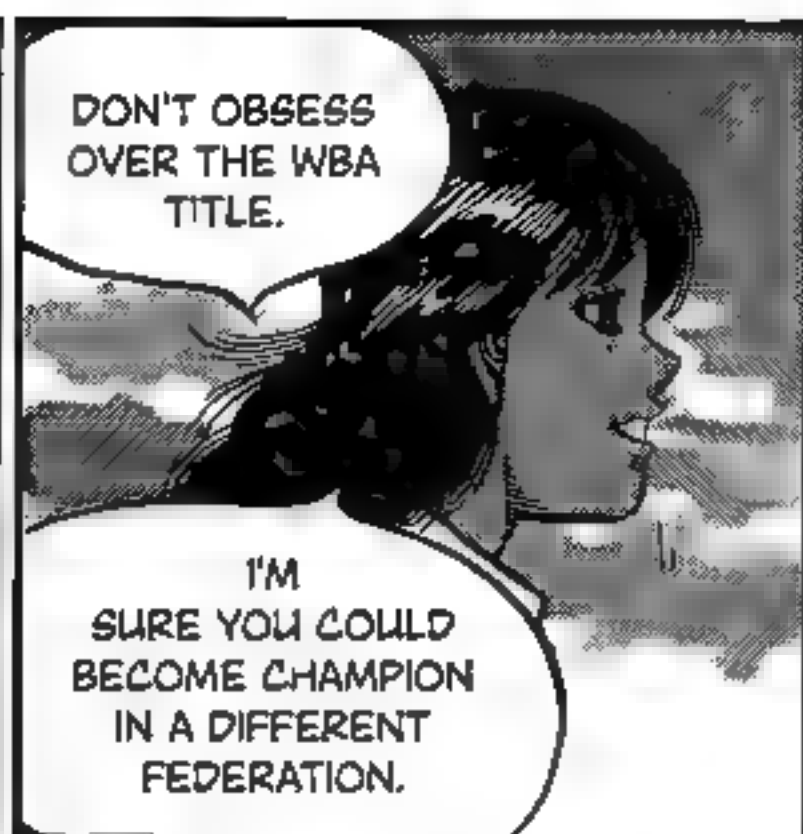
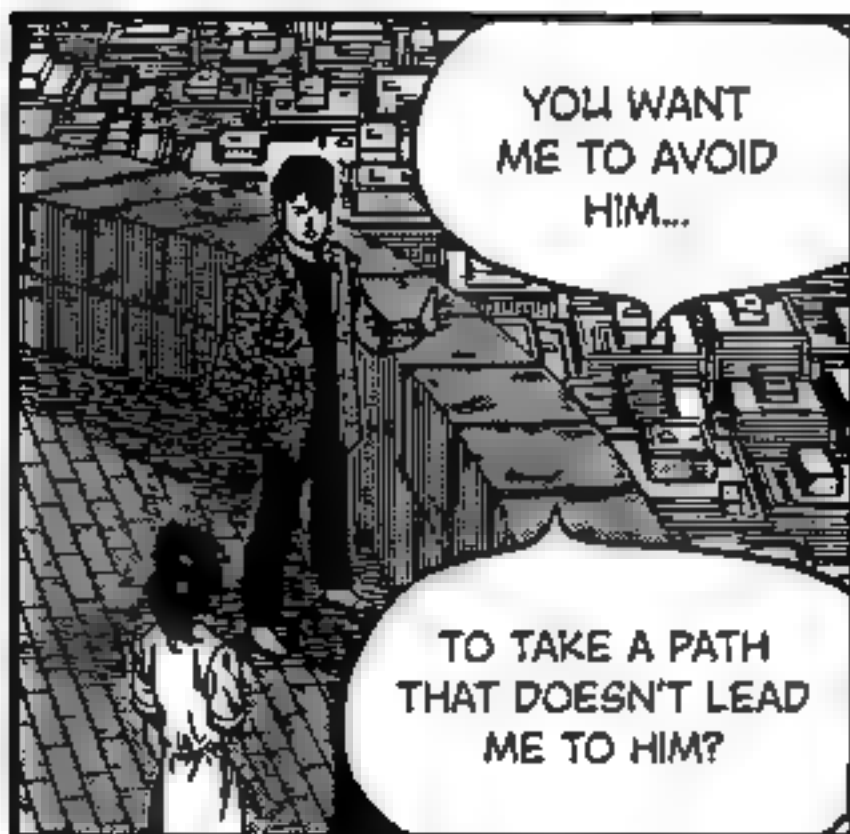


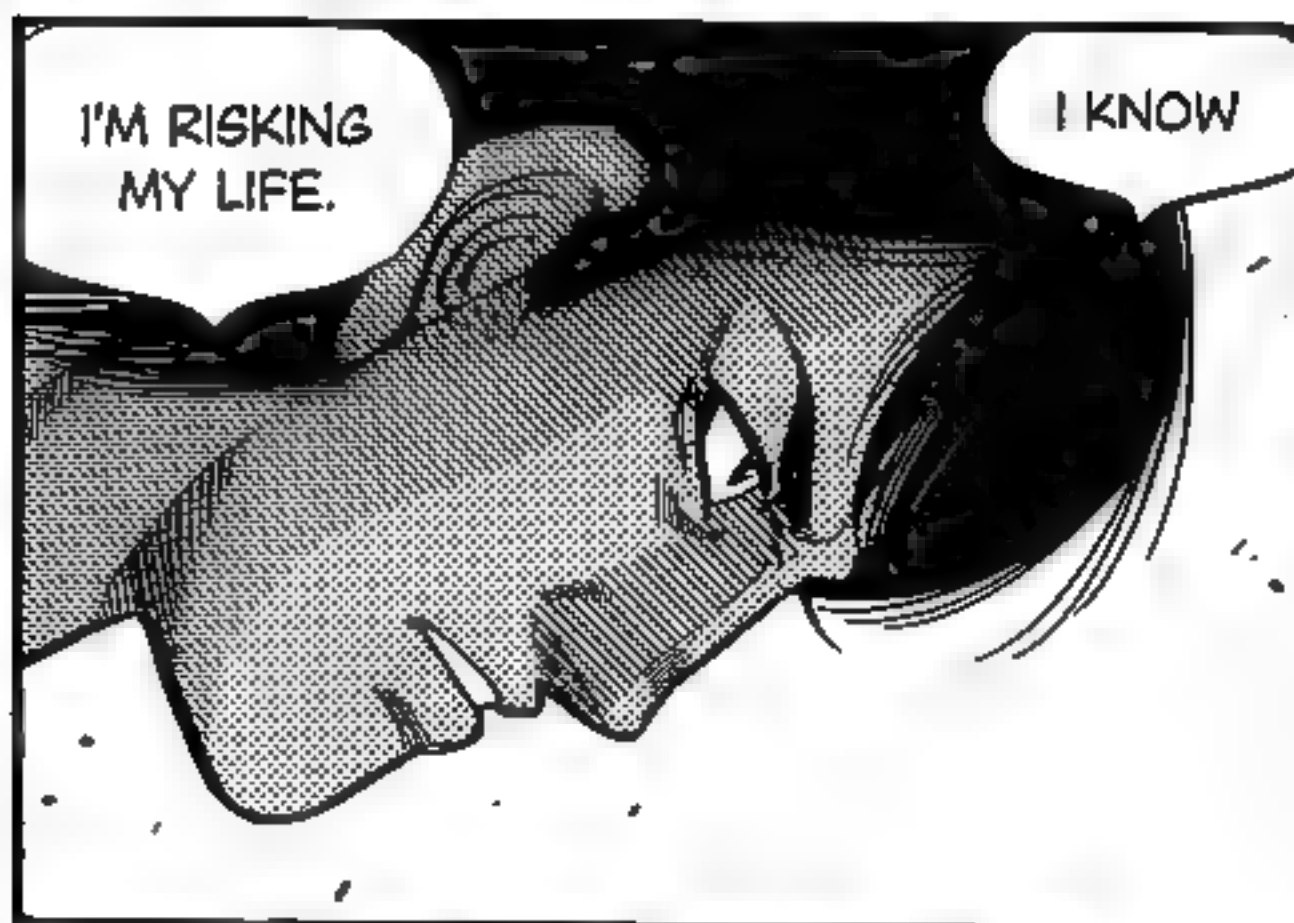
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LESSON.

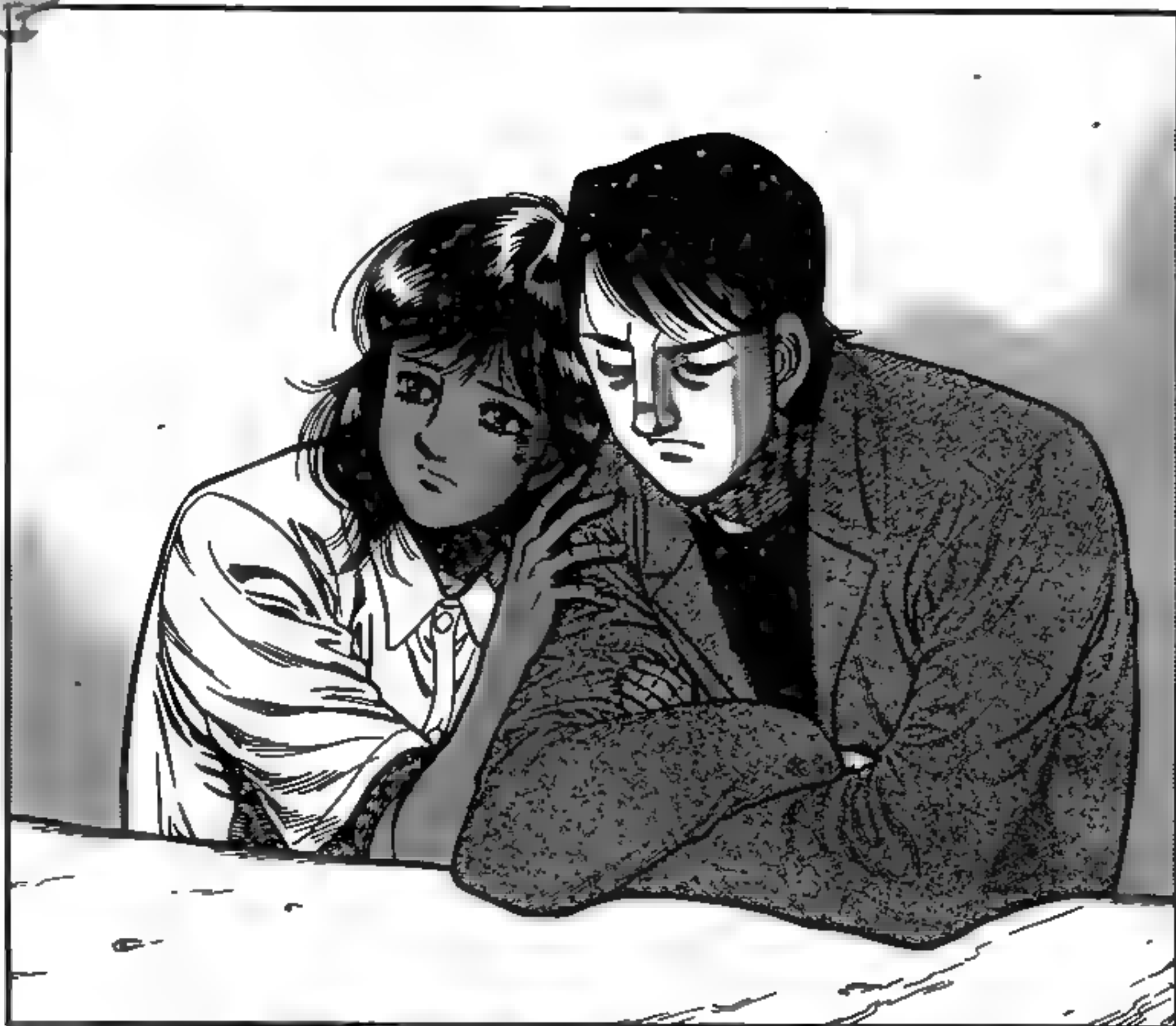


I WAS STRONGER
THEN AND FORCED
HIM TO FIGHT ME
SERIOUSLY

AFTERWARDS,
I WOKE UP TO
FIND MYSELF IN
A HOSPITAL BED







I BELIEVE THAT
I'M THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN SURPASS
RICARDO.

I DON'T
KNOW, BUT...

IS YOUR NEXT
OPPONENT
STRONG?

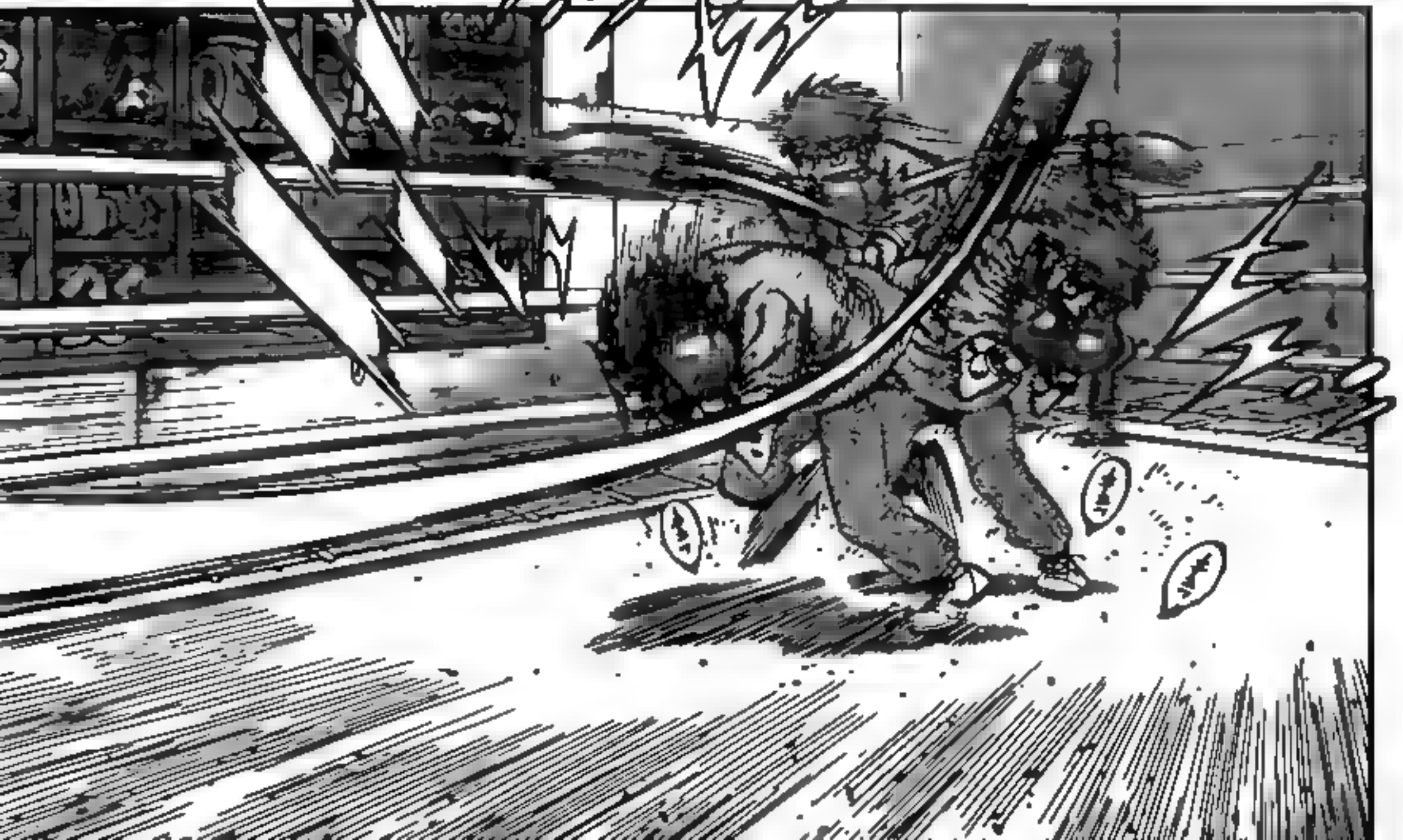


I KNOW IT.

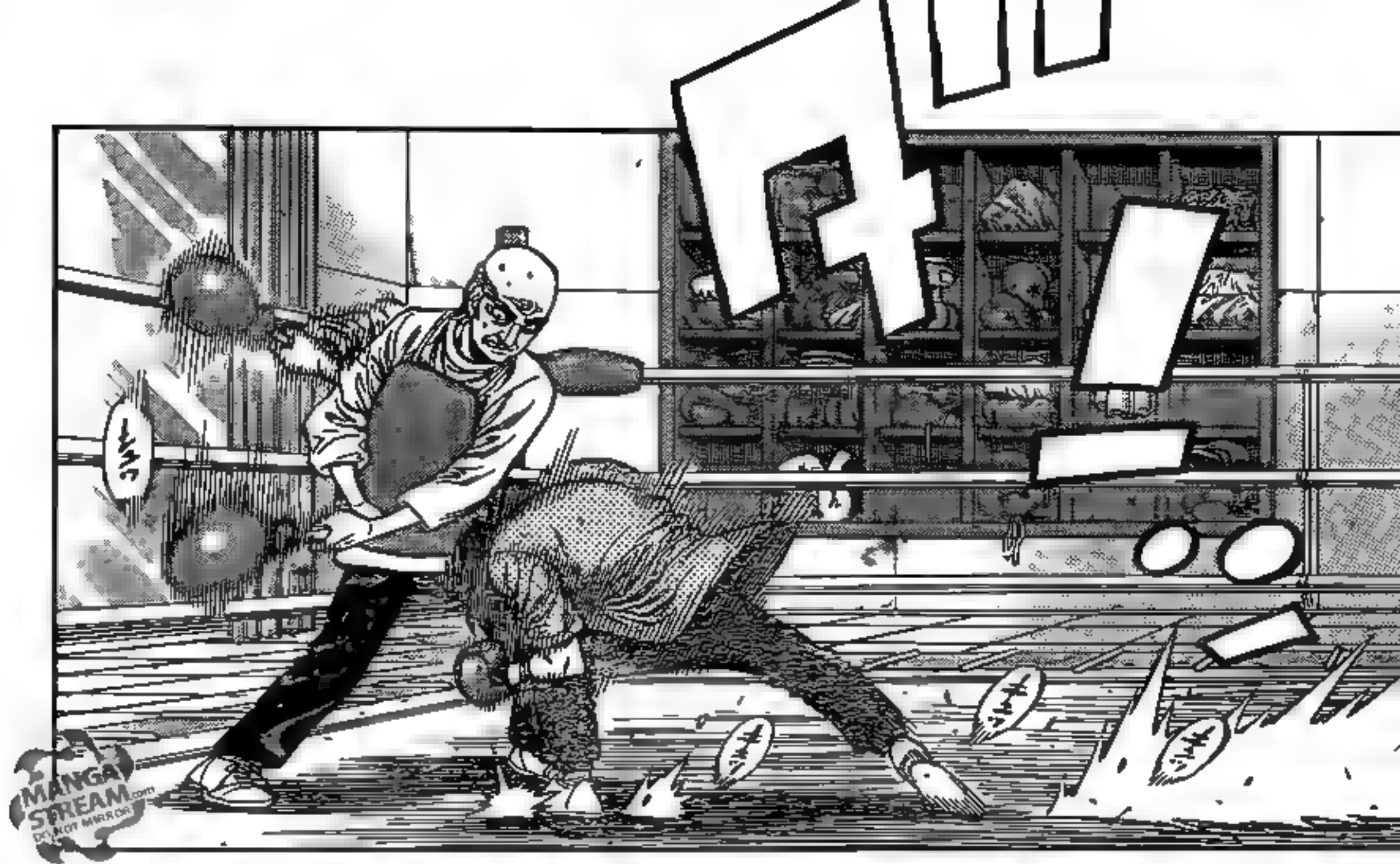














T/N: "TORA" = "TIGER," AND "UMA" = "HORSE" IN JAPANESE.





KEEP IT LOW!



YES, SIR!



DIVE IN, THROW THAT LEFT!



THAT GUY IS PROBABLY THE WORLD CHAMPION WHEN IT COMES TO TRAINING.

HE'S GOT US BEAT!

BUT KNOWING IPPO, HE PROBABLY KEEPS TRAINING AT HOME.

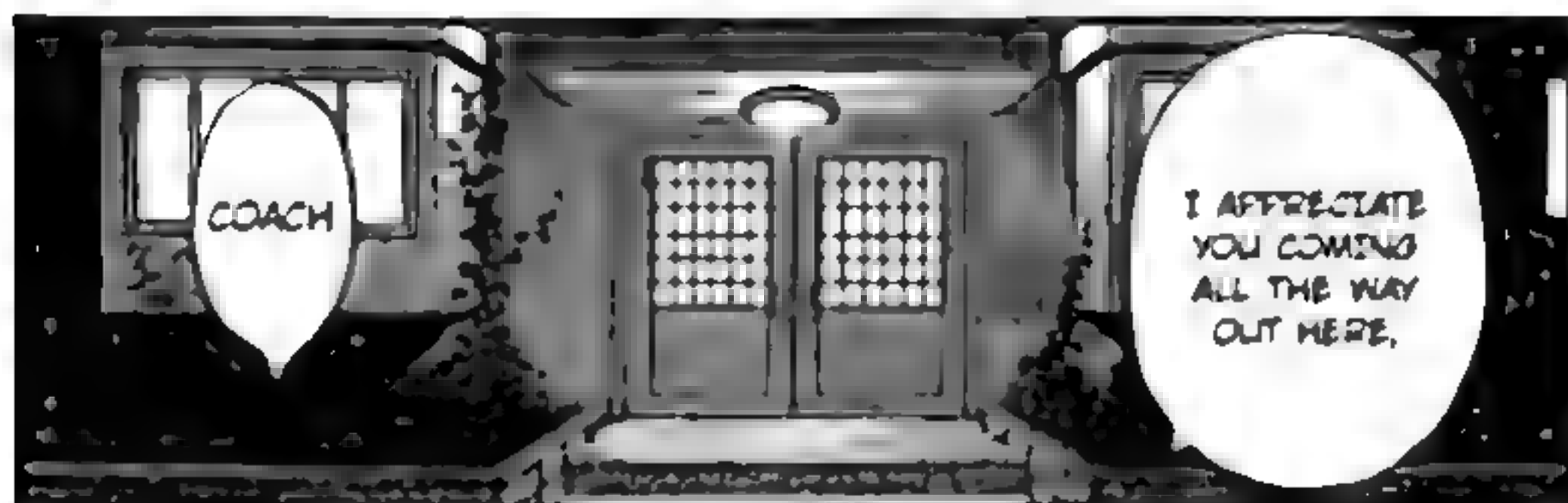
HE GOT USED TO IT FAST ENOUGH.



DUCKING IRON BARS IN THE PARK AT NIGHT.

DOING SQUATS ON A SHAKING BOAT...

I SEE HIM GO AT IT ALL THE TIME!





I'M STILL A
ROOKIE WHEN
IT COMES TO
THAT.

DROP ALL
OF THAT
"COACH"
STUFF.



IN
PARTICULAR,
THE WAY HE
USES HIS
LEFT.

IN
TERMS OF
FIGHTING
STYLE.

DO YOU
SEE THE
SIMILA-
RITIES?



HM...

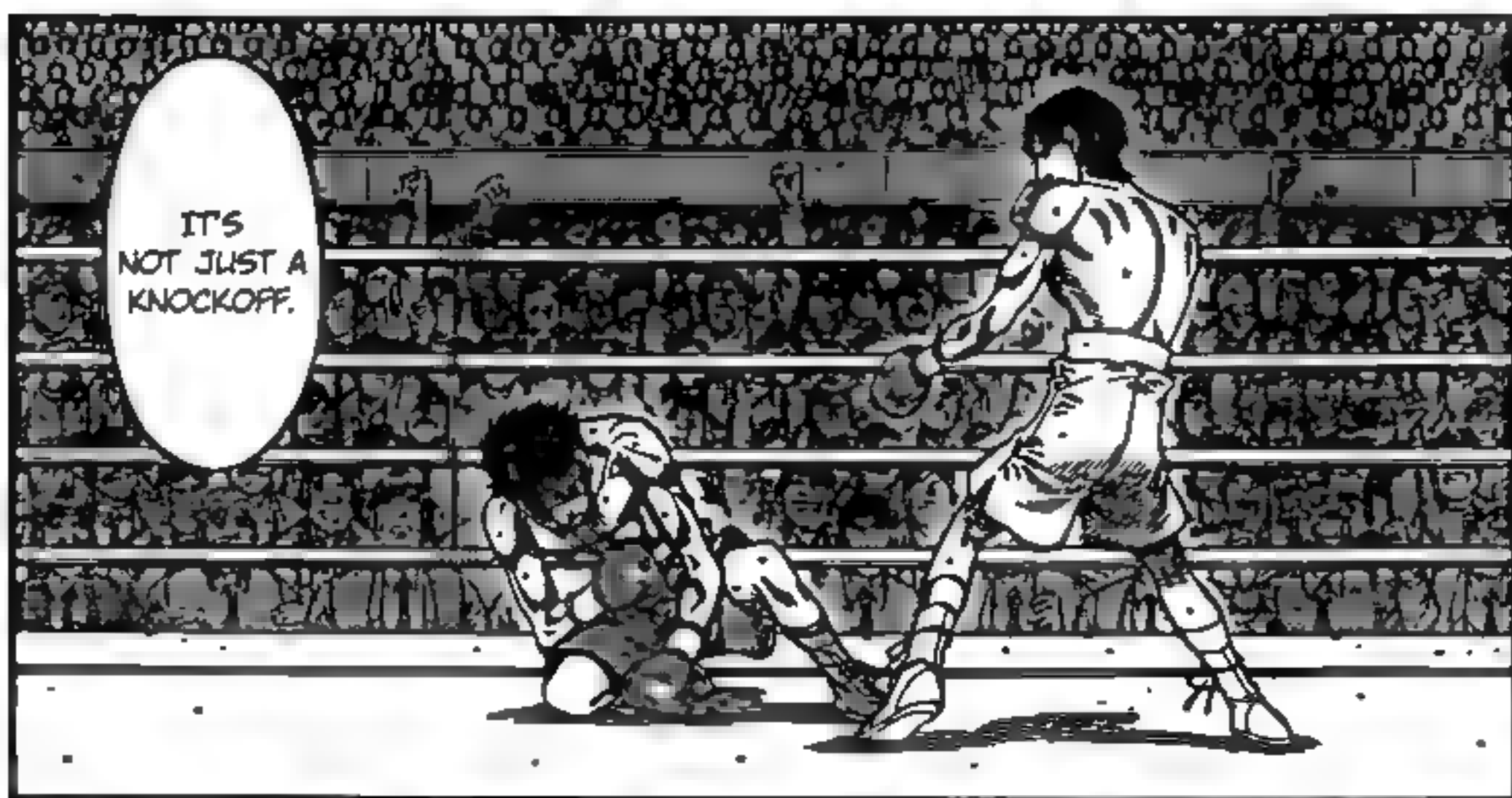


SERIOUSLY,
NO MORE
"COACH."

WELL,
COACH
DATE...

AS THE
ONLY MAN IN
JAPAN TO FIGHT
RICARDO MAR-
TINEZ, WHAT'S
YOUR TAKE?

COACH DATE APPEARS! AS A MAN WHO FOUGHT RICARDO, HOW DOES HE VIEW THIS MATCH?



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HE'S GOT
THE REAL
GOODS!!

IT'S
NOT JUST
A KNOCK-
OFF.

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BUT
NOT
QUITE.

HM...
WELL,
KIND
OF.



THERE
IS THIS
GUY I WORK
WITH NAMED
OKITA...



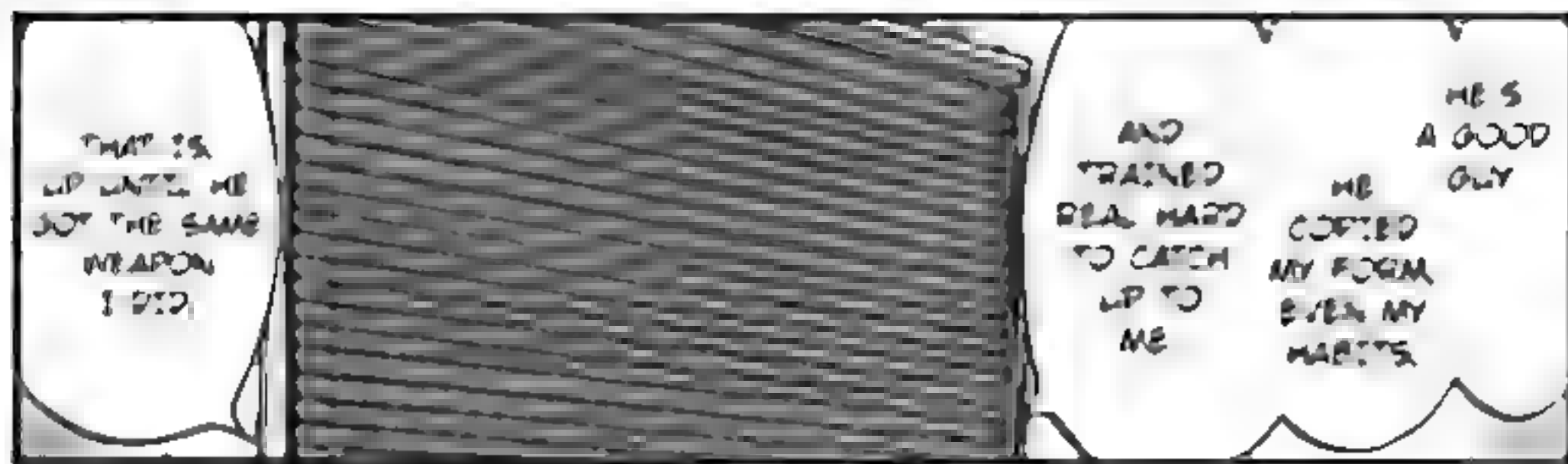
HE'S
MASTERED
RICARDO'S
SKILLS
THEN?



YUP.

OKTA KESGO'
HE FOUGHT MAMMOUTH.
I BELIEVE

OKTA KESGO'

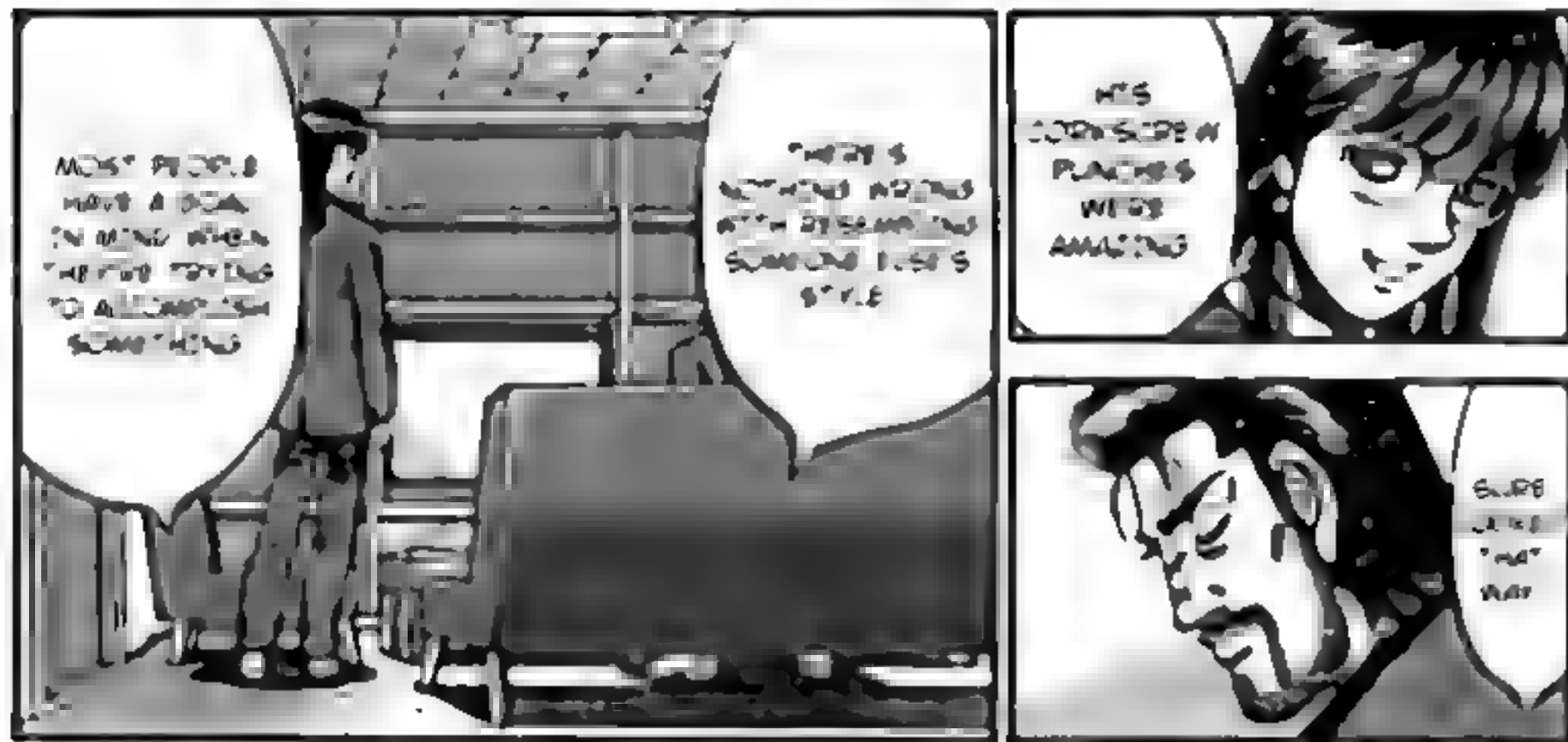


THAT IS UP UNTIL HE
GOT THE SAME WEAPON
I DID.

AND TRAINED
REAL HARD
TO CATCH
UP TO
ME

HE COPIED
MY FORM
EVEN MY
HABITS.

HE'S
A GOOD
GUY

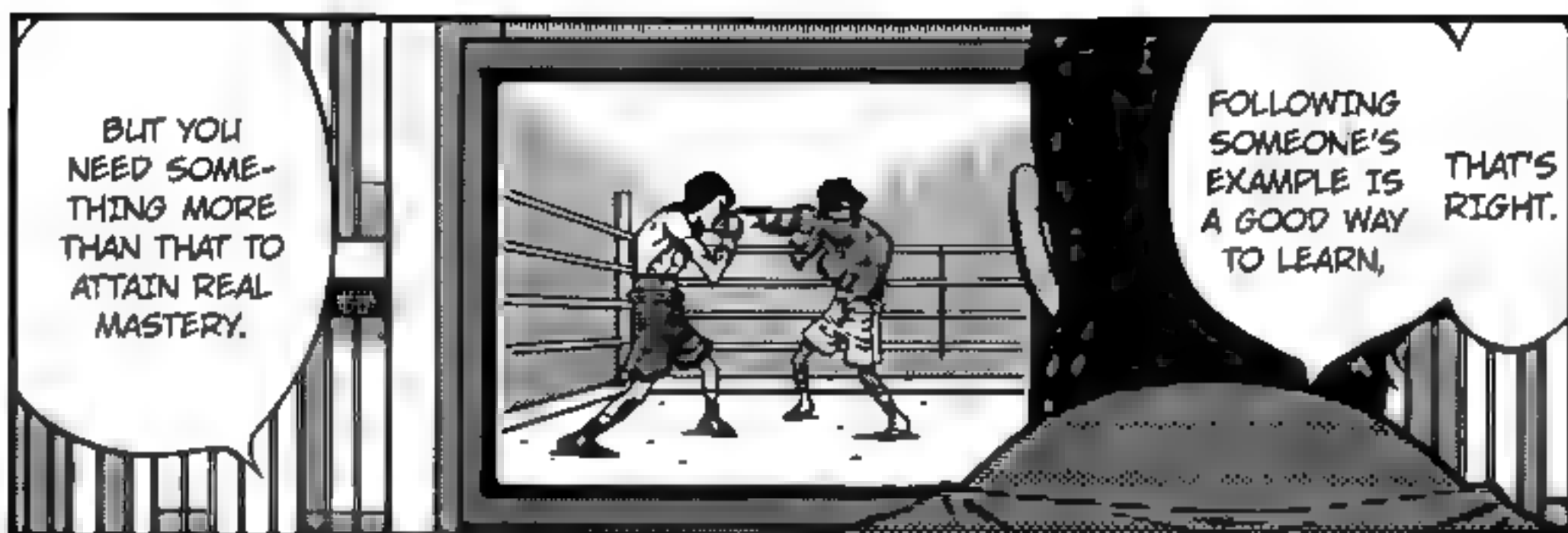


MOST PEOPLE
HAVE A GOAL
IN MIND WHEN
THEY'RE TRYING
TO ACCOMPLISH
SOMETHING

THERE'S
NOTHING WRONG
WITH DESIRING
SOMETHING LIKE'S
STYLE

HE'S
CORRESPOND
PLACES
WILL
AMAZING

SURE
LIKE
THAT
WAY



BUT YOU
NEED SOME-
THING MORE
THAN THAT TO
ATTAIN REAL
MASTERY.

FOLLOWING
SOMEONE'S
EXAMPLE IS
A GOOD WAY
TO LEARN,

THAT'S
RIGHT.



IT
WON'T BE
ENOUGH.



SOME-
THING
MORE?



AND
YOU'RE
SATISFIED
WITH JUST
THAT...

IF YOU
ARE ONLY
TRYING
TO COPY
SOME-
ONE...



THE
SPIRIT TO
MOVE ON, THE
HUNGER...

THE REAL
KEY IS THE
DESIRE AND
AMBITION TO
TAKE IT TO
THAT NEXT
LEVEL.

YOU'RE
TRYING TO BE
AS GOOD AS THE
ORIGINAL WHEN
YOU SHOULD BE
TRYING TO BE
BETTER.

AND
SURPASS
YOUR
GOAL!

THE
STRENGTH
OF WILL TO
CATCH UP...

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THAT'S
WHAT I
THINK
ANYWAY.

IT TOOK
THAT KIND
OF DESIRE FOR
LARRY HOLMES
TO DEFEND THE
HEAVYWEIGHT
TITLE 19
TIMES.

THE
DESIRE TO
SURPASS THE
ORIGINAL...

IS
THAT
IT?

I SEE.

LARRY HOLMES, A FAMOUS CHAMPION WHOSE CAREER SPANNED THE 70'S AND EARLY 80'S, REIGNED OVER BOTH THE WBC AND IBF WITH A TOTAL OF 19 DEFENSES.

EVENTUALLY,
YOU BECOME A
FIGHTER ON YOUR
OWN TERMS WHO'S
JUST AS GOOD
OR BETTER.



WHAT'S
IMPORTANT
IS THE FRUIT OF
THAT MOTIVATION,
THE EFFORT YOU
PUT IN AND THE
GROWTH THAT
RESULTS.

WITH THAT KIND
OF HUNGER, IT
DOESN'T MATTER
IF YOU'RE EVER
ABLE TO COPY
THE ORIGINAL.

BUT
IN THIS CASE,
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT
THE RESEMBLANCE
WAS BORN OUT OF
A DESIRE TO SUR-
PASS HIM.

RICARDO'S
RIDICULOUSLY
STRONG.

I DON'T KNOW IF
THIS GUY STARTED
OUT LOOKING UP TO
HIM OR WANTING TO
BEAT HIM, MAYBE
BOTH...



YES?



THAT'S
MY TAKE
ON IT.

HIS
FISTS ARE
HARDENED
WITH A
DESIRE
TO WIN.



AND...



A DESIRE
TO WIN.



BUT I
GET THE
FEELING
THAT'S NOT
REALLY
HIM.



SO
I CAN'T
SAY FOR
SURE.

I'VE
NEVER
MET HIM
PERSON-
ALLY,



THIS
IS JUST
MY GUT
TALKING,
BUT...



AND HE
PROBABLY EVEN
ACTS LIKE A
GENTLEMAN,

HE MIGHT
SEEM TO BE
A STYLISH
BOXER LIKE
RICARDO,



THAT GUY IS
PRETTY DAMN
SCARY

HE HAS A
VICIOUS LOOK
IN HIS EYES
AT TIMES.



ALONG
WITH SHARP
ANTHROPOMORPHIC
INSTINCTS?

THEN
YOU'RE
SAYING
HE HAS A
REFINED
FOREBODING
LEFT...



SOMETHING
LIKE THAT



IN
JAPANESE
TERMS

IMAGINE MIYATA
SHIRO WITH
SENDO TAKESHI'S
WILD SIDE

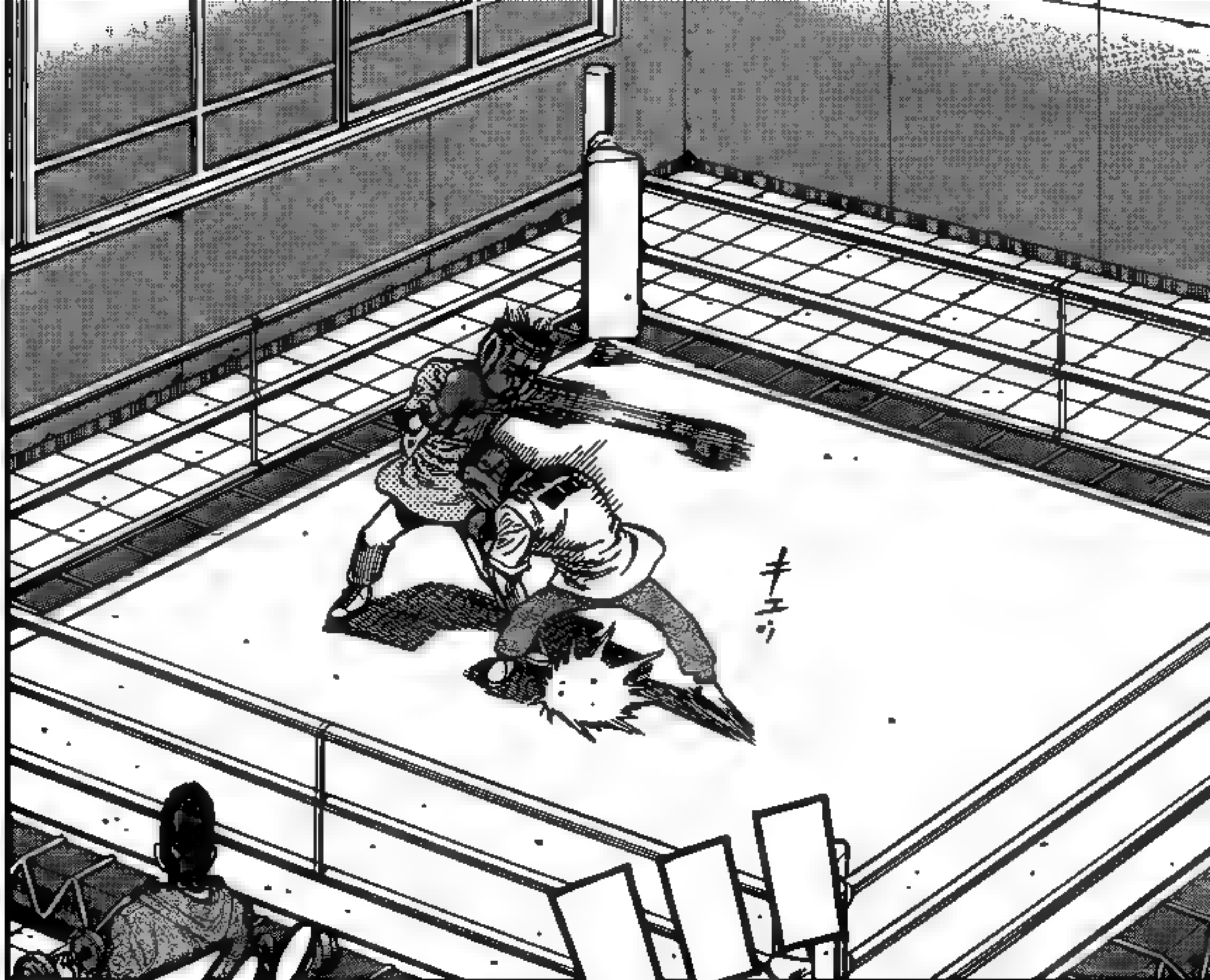
WELL
AREN'T
THEY BOTH
MOTHERS
—?

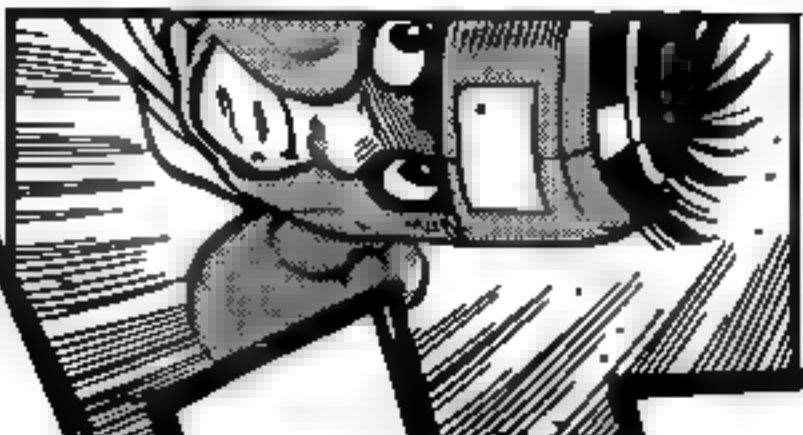
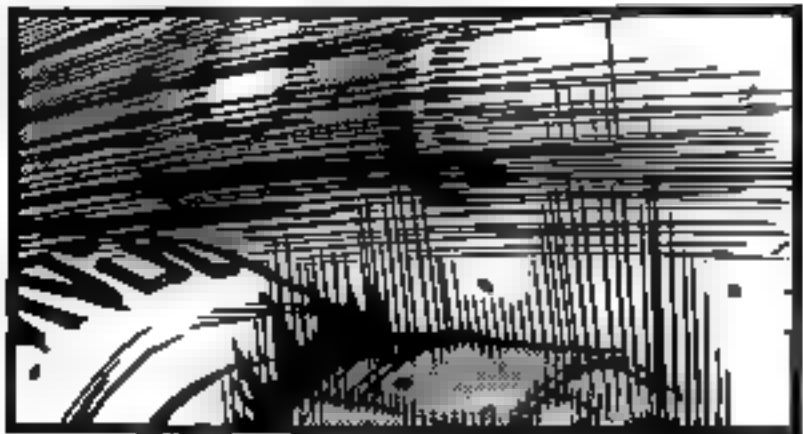












GET SOME
REST AND
DON'T SCREW
UP DOWN
THE FINAL
STRETCH!

ALRIGHT,
ALL THAT'S
LEFT ARE
THE FINAL
TOUCHES!

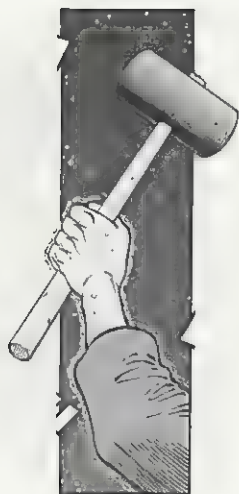
YES,
SIR!

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DO NOT MURDER

LEAVING HIS LOVER AND HOMELAND BEHIND, GONZALES HEADS TO JAPAN... THE BATTLE DRAWS NEAR!



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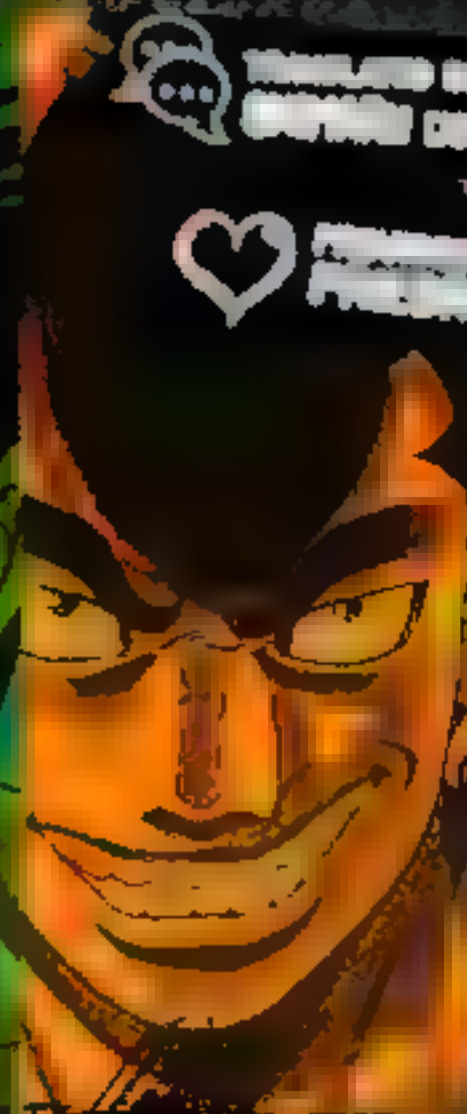
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**THE WORLD
QUALIFYING
MATCH DRAWS
NEAR!!**

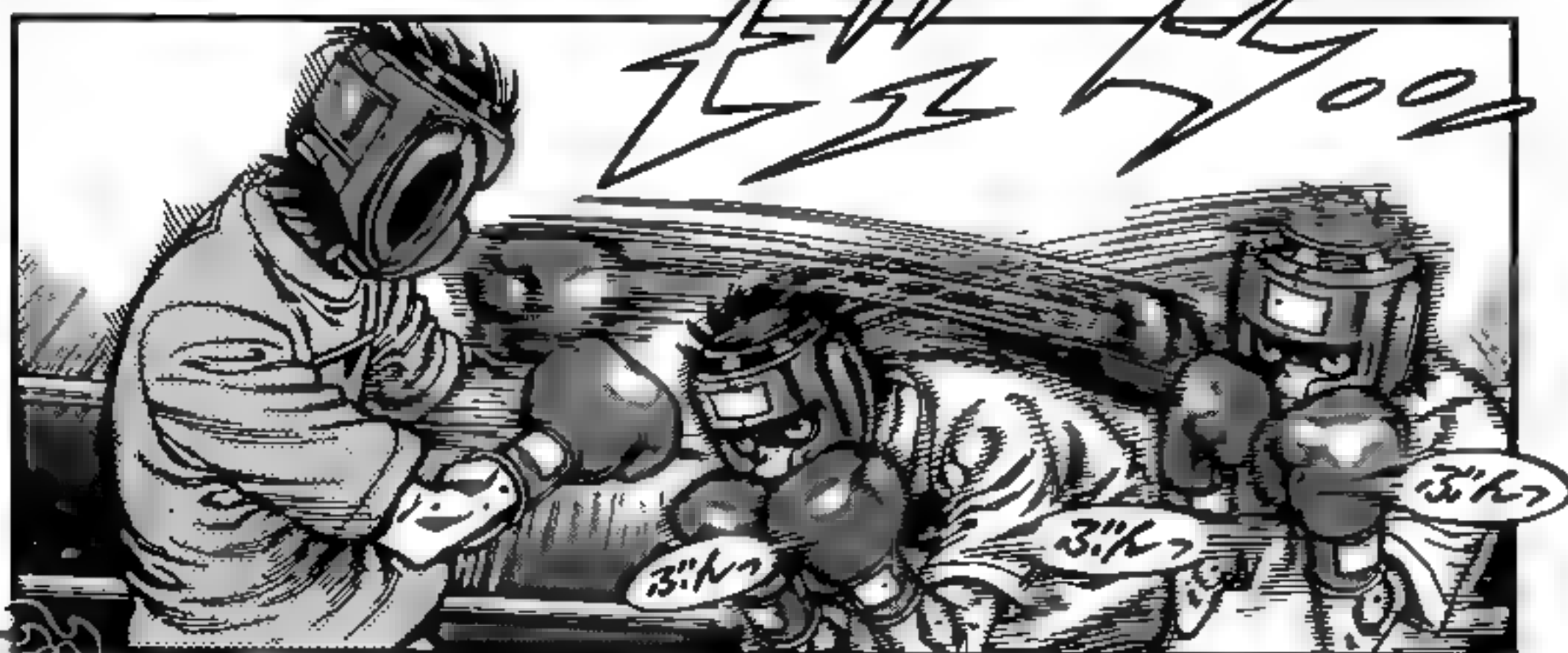
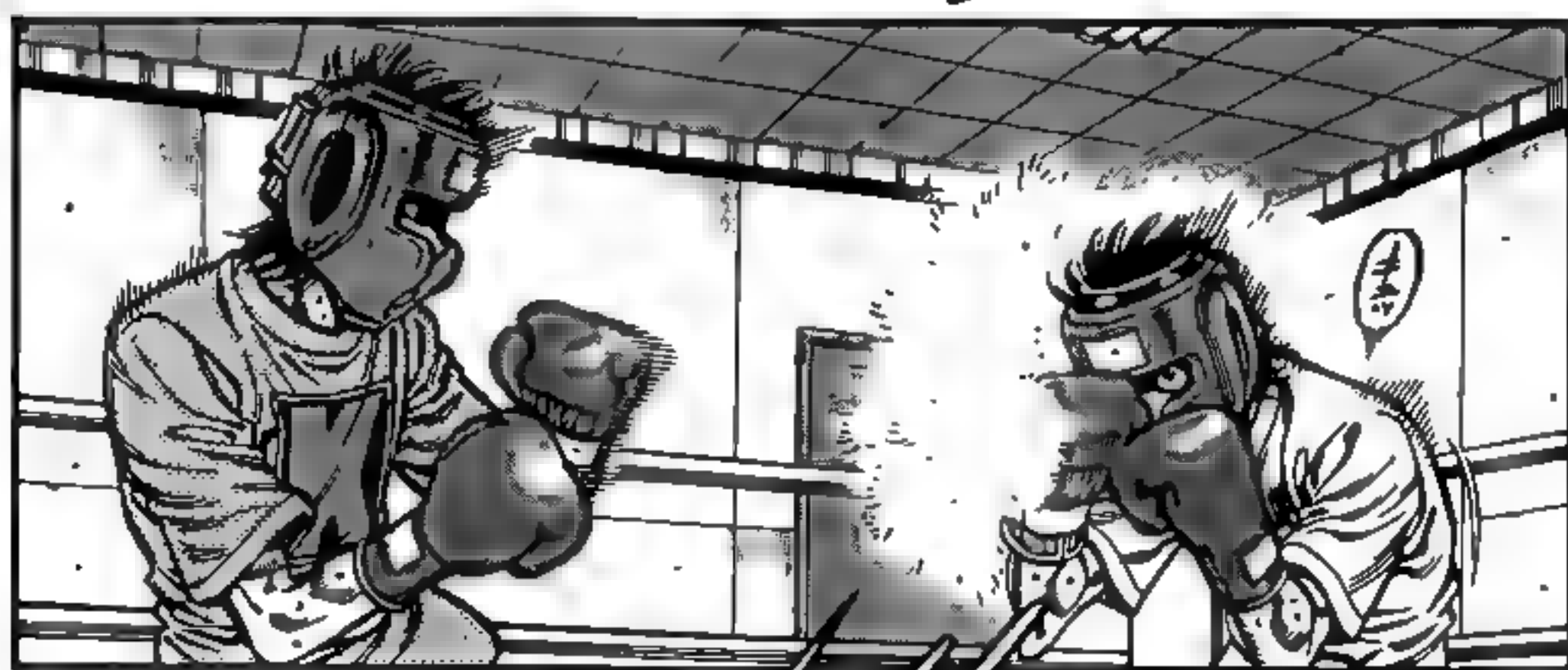
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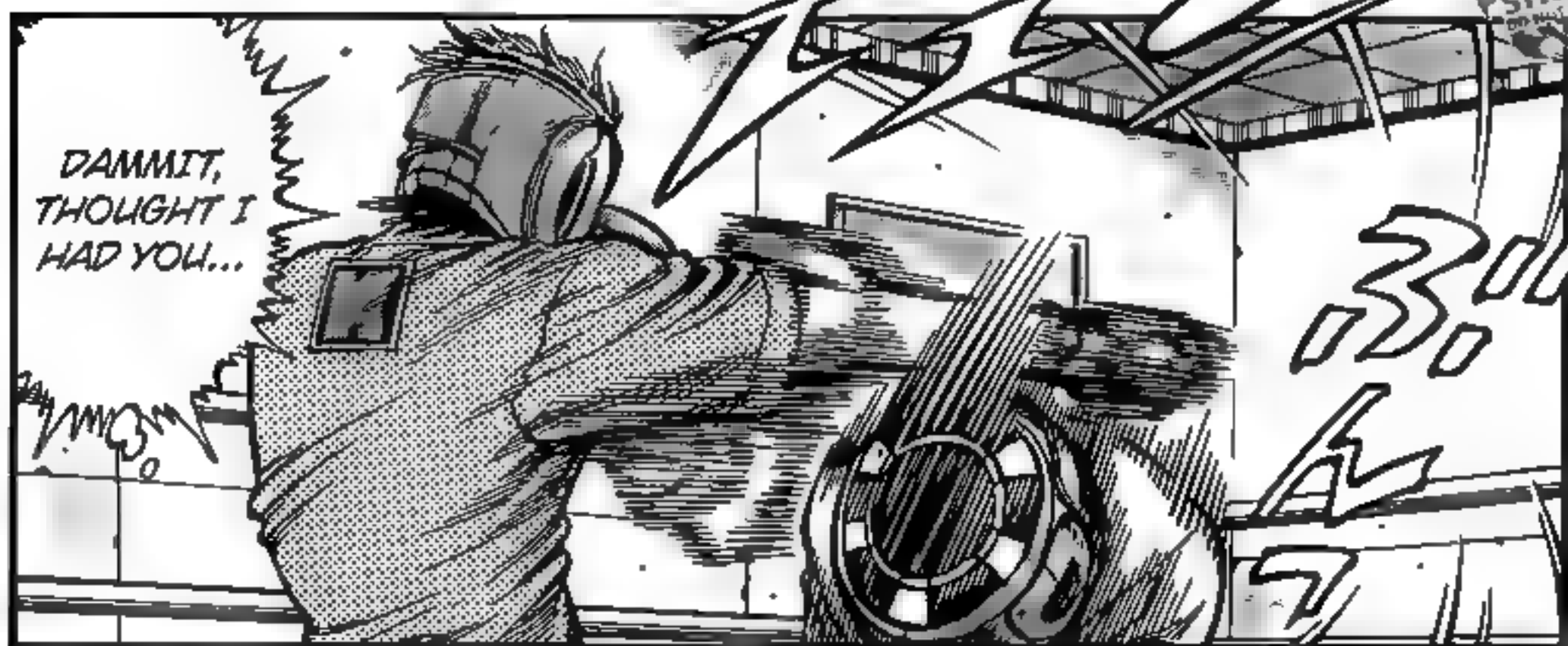
**ALL THE
STRATEGY AND
PRACTICE...**

**CHALLENGING
THE WORLD TO
TEST HIMSELF!!**



Round 1018 Signs of Increase



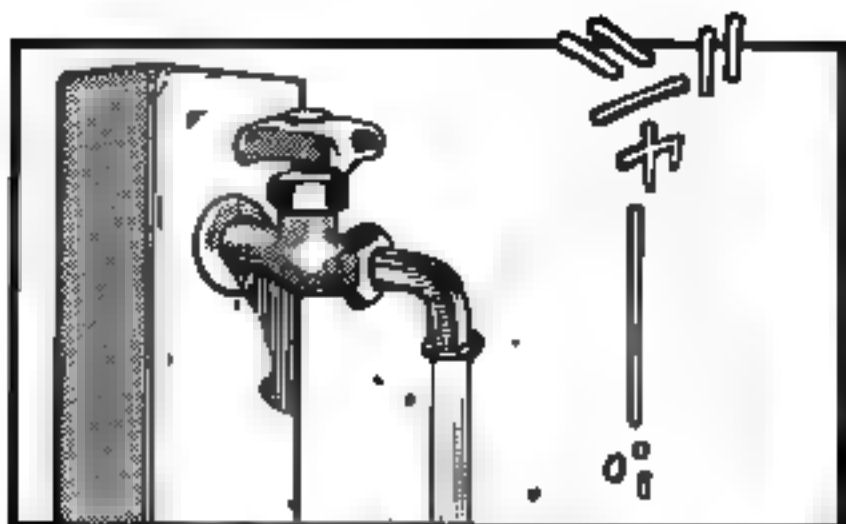


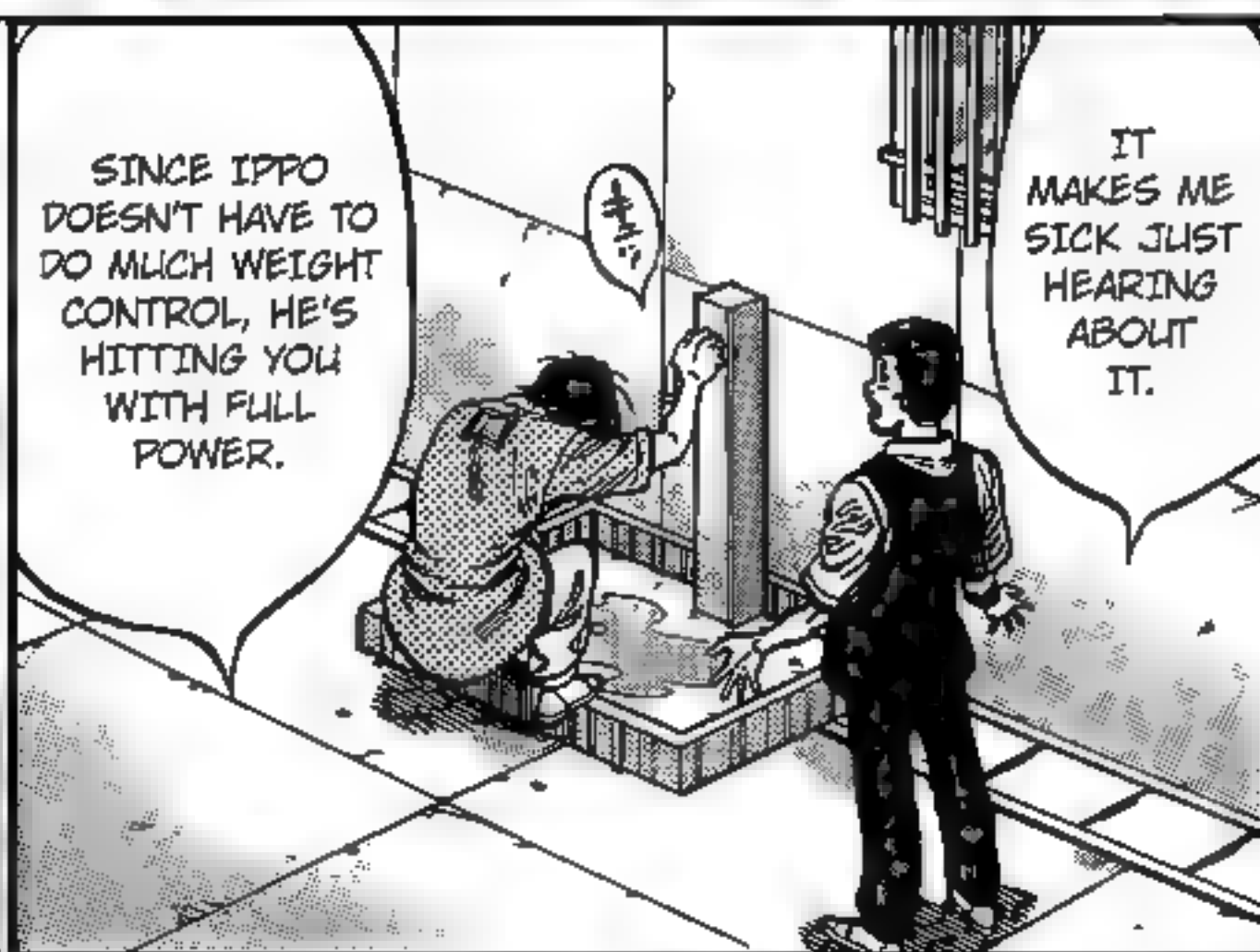
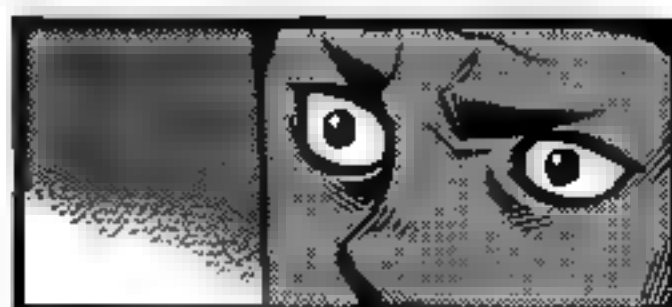
DAMMIT,
THOUGHT I
HAD YOU...

3!!











I GUESS IT WAS AROUND THE TIME HE WAS LEARNING THE DEADSEY ROLL THAT THEY CHANGED.

THINK BACK TO, WHEN WAS IT ?

YOU'VE BEEN HIT WITH ONE OF IPPO'S BODY BLOWS BEFORE.



HE'D SWING IN FROM SIDE-TO-SIDE, LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO SMASH YOUR RIBS.

TO MATCH ALL THAT HORIZONTAL HEAVING HE STARTED THROWING MORE HOOKS.



AN UPPER-CUT!!



I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT THAT!

EARLY ON HE THREW THEM MORE FROM DOWN BELOW



A COMPACT TYPE OF BODY BLOW IN THE FORM OF..

THAT'S WHAT THE COACH ORIGINALLY TAUGHT HIM



A HARD SMOOSH.

SMOOSH.

SMOOSHING ALL OF YOUR GUTS UP INTO YOUR CHEST.

IT WAS MORE LIKE THE PUNCH CAME IN BELOW YOUR RIBS,



MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE PUKING, RIGHT?

I DON'T WANNA REMEMBER!

STOP IT!



HE KEEPS CLOSING IN ON YOU, AND THEN YOU'RE DEAD!

SINCE YOU CAN'T STOP PROTECTING YOUR HEAD, YOU GET SLAMMED IN THE GUTS.

PLEASE STOP!



HE'LL CHANGE DIRECTIONS AND COME FLYING AT YOUR FACE.

AND IF YOU TRY TO GUARD YOUR BODY,

NO MORE!





AND WHAT ABOUT LOOKING AFTER ITAGAKI!?



UGH...

STILL, LOOKING AFTER IPPO REALLY DOES TAKE ITS TOLL, HUH?



LIKE I'VE NEVER BEEN HIT!

LOOK AT MY FACE!

HANDSOME, RIGHT?



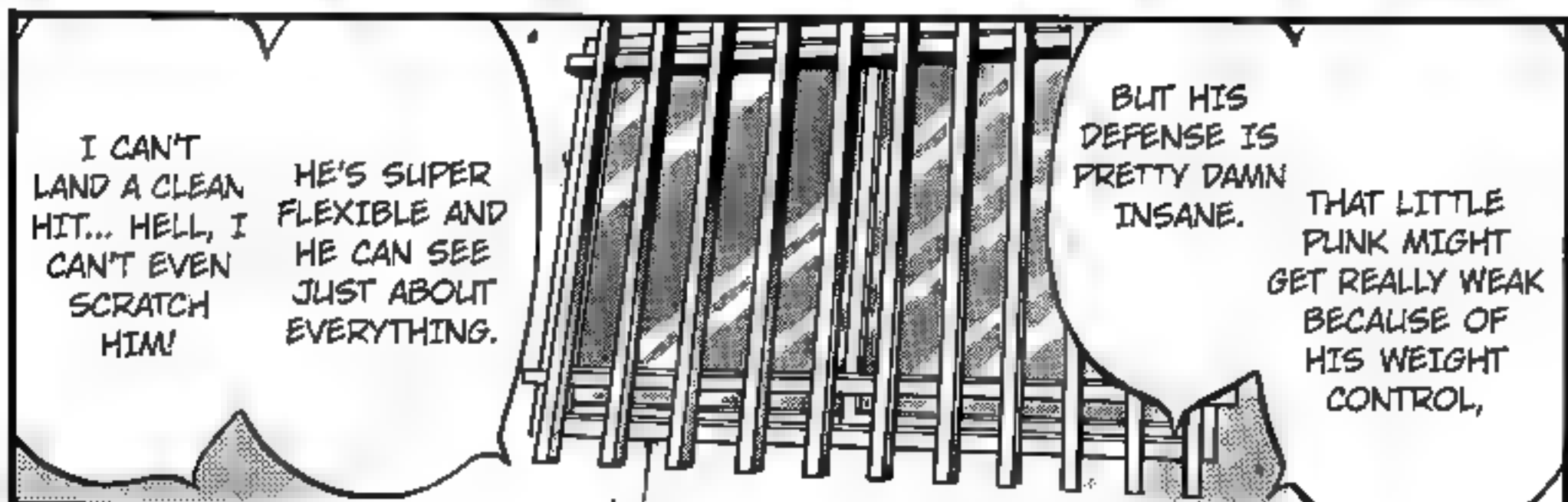
I CAN'T TOUCH HIM AT ALL!



YOU'VE BEEN WINNING!?



ACTUALLY...



I CAN'T LAND A CLEAN HIT... HELL, I CAN'T EVEN SCRATCH HIM!

HE'S SUPER FLEXIBLE AND HE CAN SEE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING.

BUT HIS DEFENSE IS PRETTY DAMN INSANE.

THAT LITTLE PUNK MIGHT GET REALLY WEAK BECAUSE OF HIS WEIGHT CONTROL,



I GUESS
LOOKING AFTER
ITAGAKI IS MORE
ABOUT ENDURING
THE MENTAL
PAIN.



THOSE
TWO...



IT'S
ANNOYING
ENOUGH THAT
IT MAKES ME
FEEL SICK
TOO.



KEEP
ON GETTING
STRONGER.

THEY
JUST...



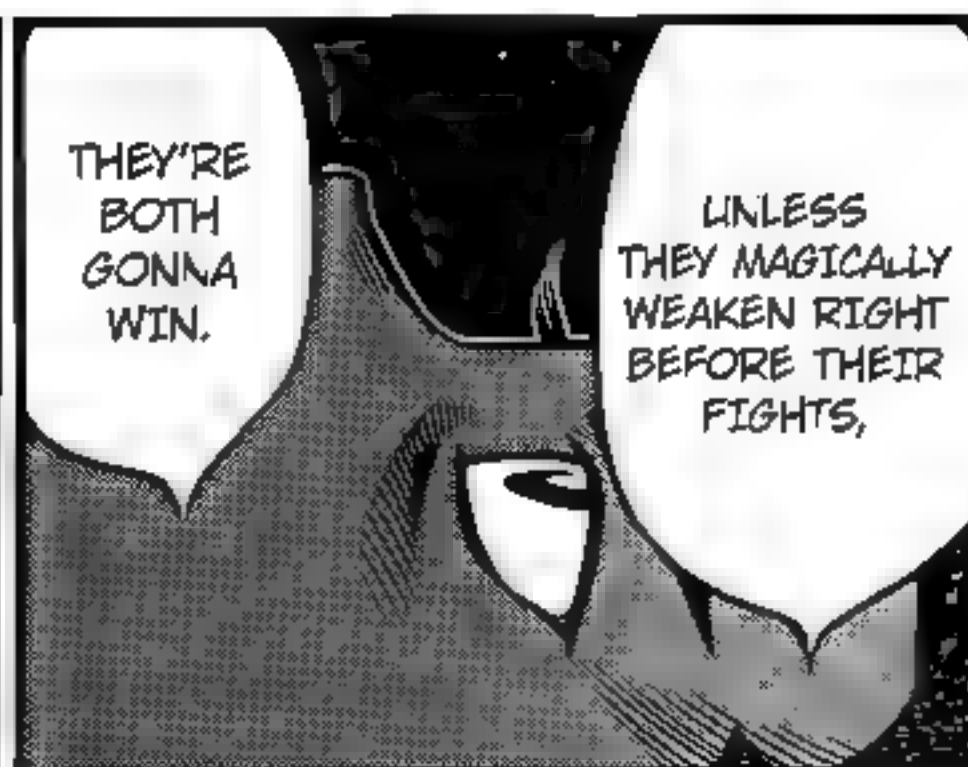
I
DON'T
KNOW,
MAN.

WHICH
IS WHY...



MAGI-
CALLY?

LIKE,
HOW?



THEY'RE
BOTH
GONNA
WIN.

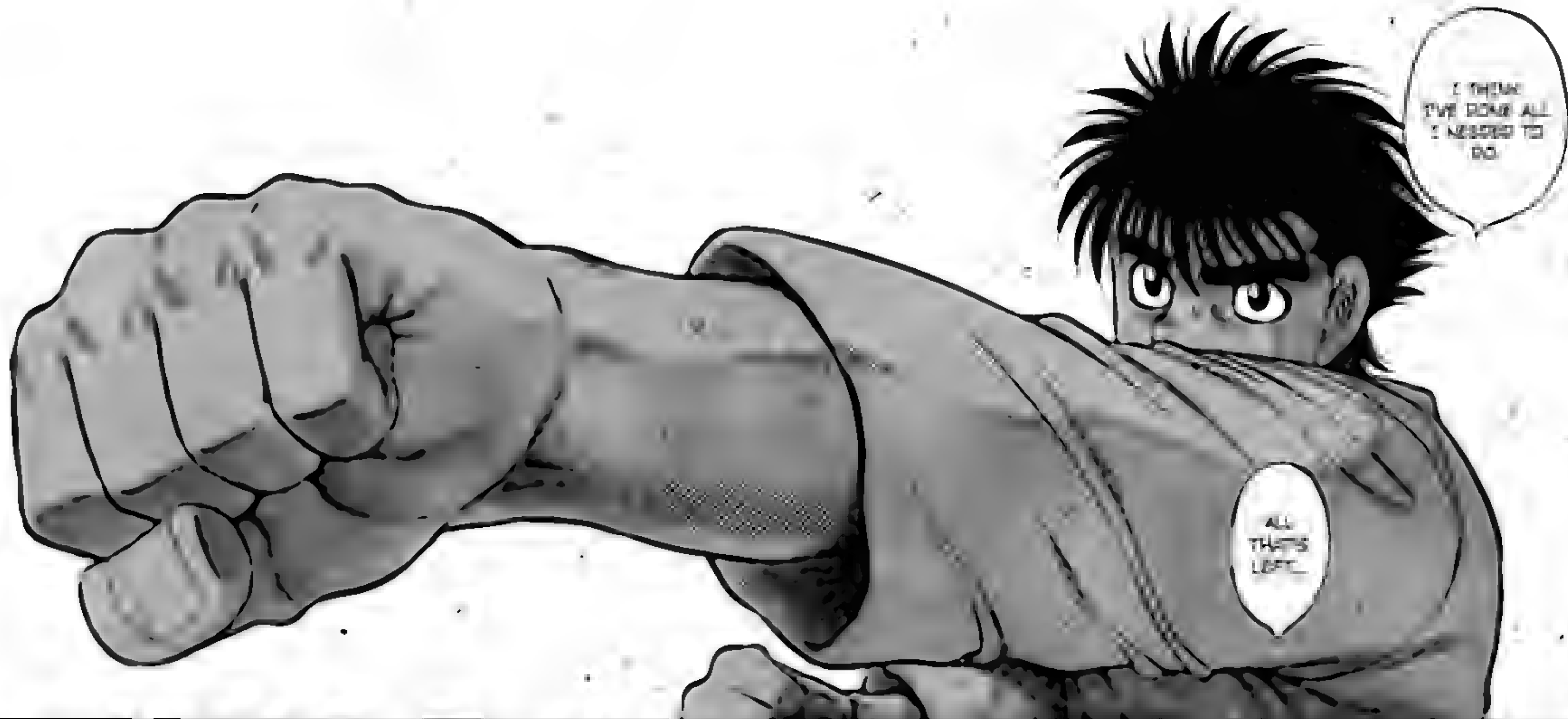
UNLESS
THEY MAGICALLY
WEAKEN RIGHT
BEFORE THEIR
FIGHTS,

ARE HEADED
TO THE NEXT
LEVEL.

BOTH OF
THEM...







I THINK
I'VE DONE ALL
I NEEDED TO
DO.

ALL
THAT'S
LEFT.

I'LL PUT
MYSELF TO
THE TEST!!

IT'S TO FIND OUT
HOW LONG I CAN
FIGHT AND HOW
WELL YOU FIGHT
AGAINST HIM.





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DEPENDING
ON THIS MATCH,
THE LANDSCAPE
OF THE JAPANESE
FEATHERWEIGHT
CLASS COULD
CHANGE A
LOT...

HE'S
ALREADY IN
FULL BATTLE
MODE.

HAS
ARRIVED!!

ALFREDO
GONZALEZ...

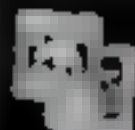
THE FIRST RATE CHALLENGER ARRIVES! HOW WILL HE PERFORM IN JAPAN?

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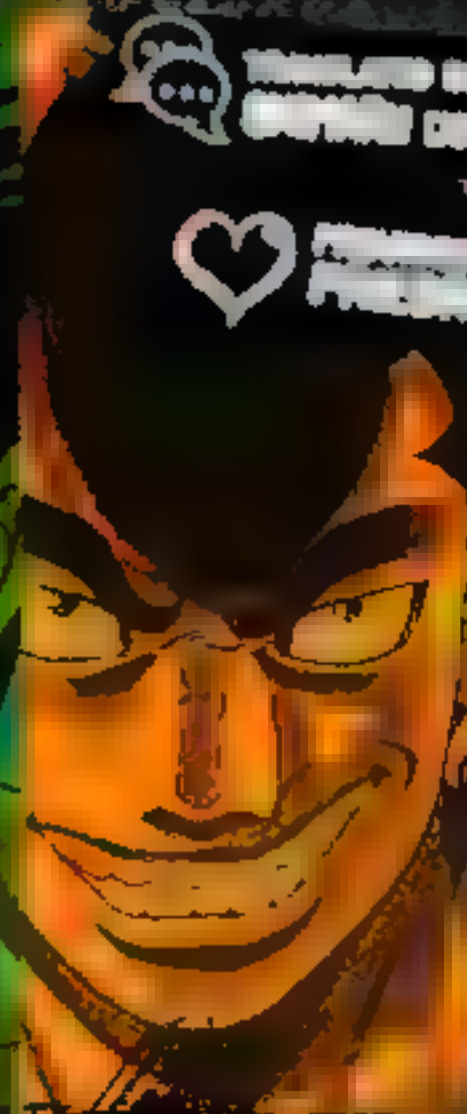
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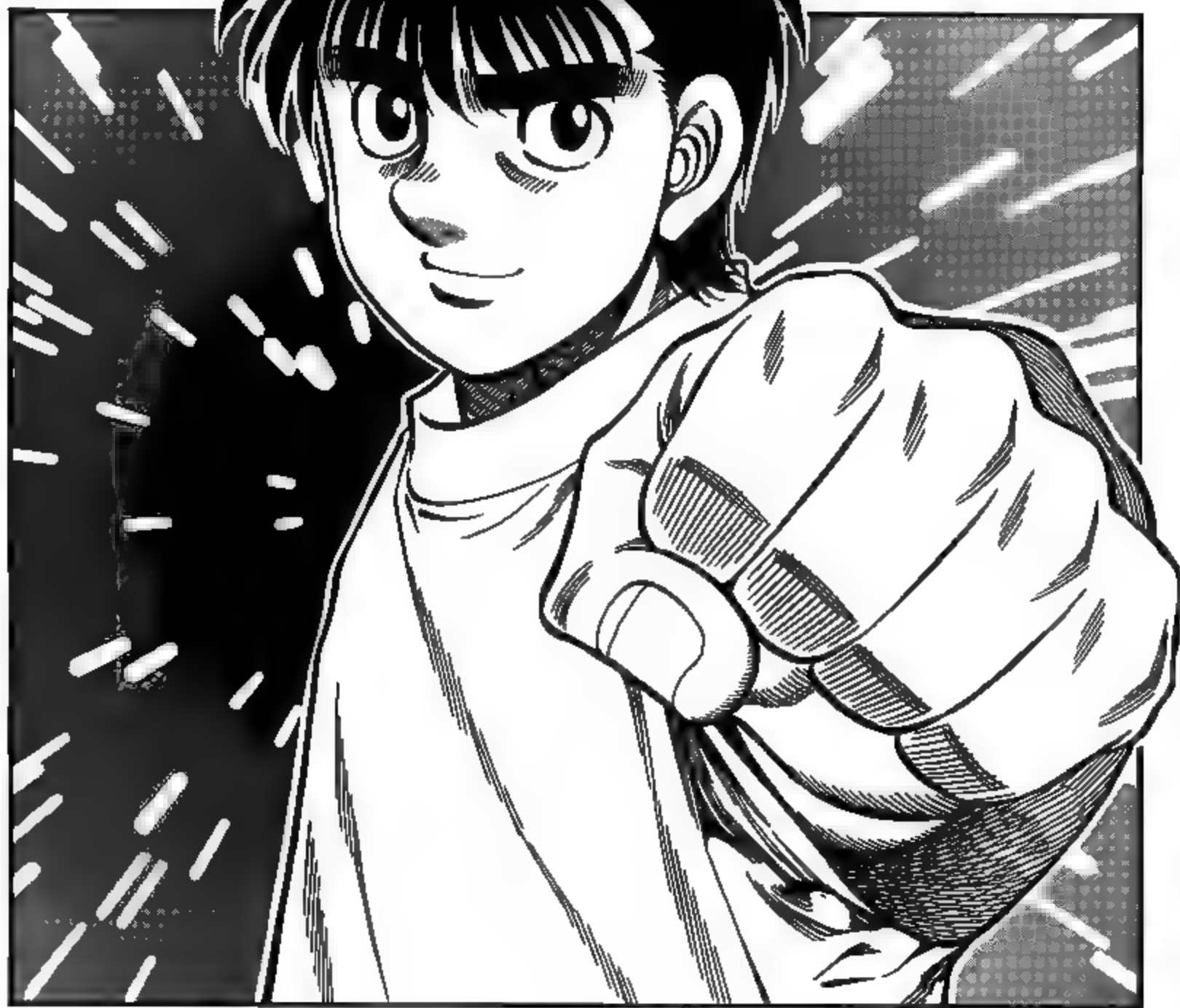


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CAN HIS FIST REACH THE WORLD? HE SEEKS ONLY THAT ANSWER...



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Round 1019 Close Encounter

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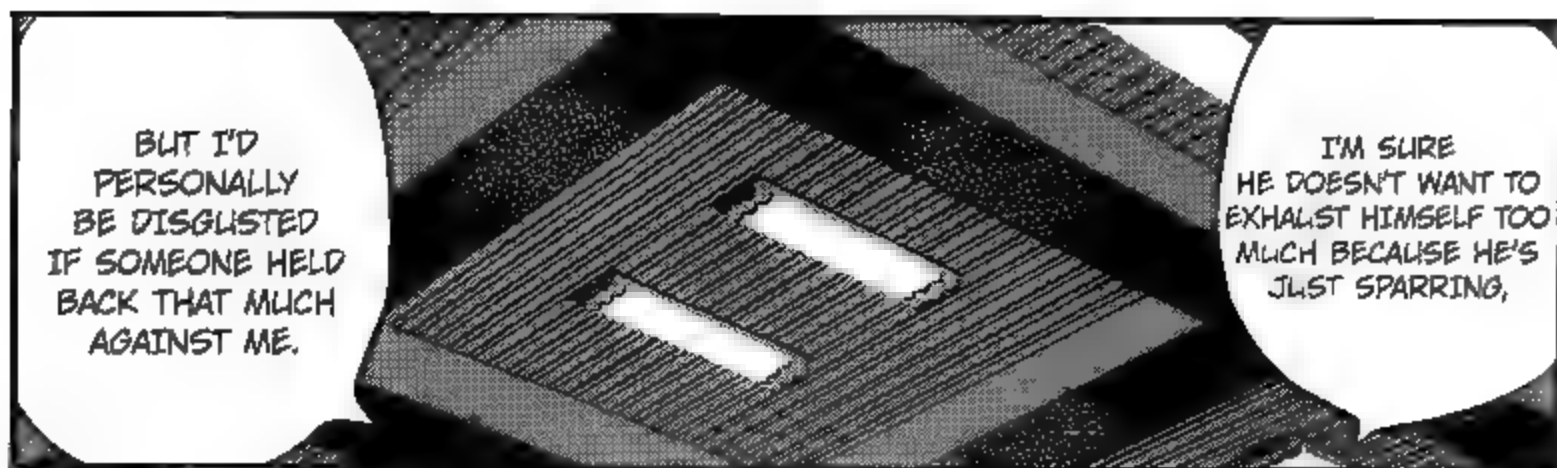
音羽ボクソングジム





THAT'S
NUMBER TWO
IN THE WORLD
FOR YOU!!







LET MAKU-
NOUCHI HANDLE
GONZALEZ.

YOU'RE
GOING TO FIGHT
HOLD ON
THERE!
ITAGAKI.



THE
JAPANESE
TITLE.



WITHOUT A
DOUBT, I'LL
TAKE IT...

RIGHT...
AND I'M
GONNA
WIN.



WELL, FOR
FIGHTERS LIKE
IMAI, A LITTLE BIT
OVERZEALOUS IS
JUST ABOUT
RIGHT...

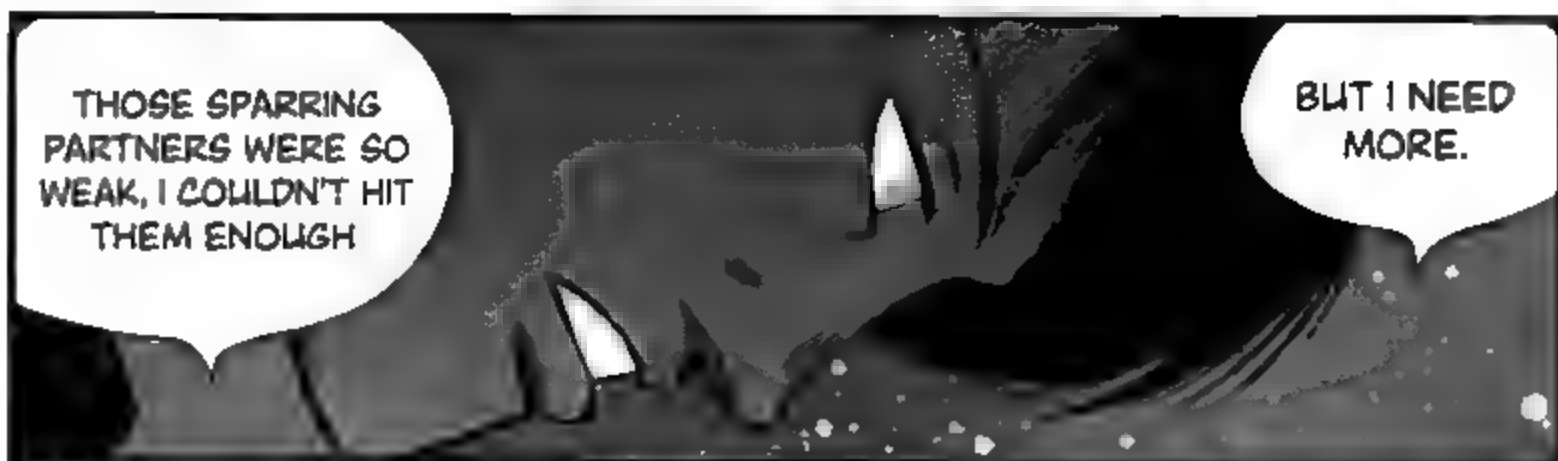
HE'S REALLY IN
THE SPIRIT, AND
IN GOOD ENOUGH
SHAPE TO HAVE
BLOODLUST TO
SPARE.



PLEASE
BRING THIS
GYM ITS FIRST
BELT IN A LONG
TIME!

I BEG
OF YOU.







TO LAND
SOMETHING
DESTRUCTIVE
WITH MY
RIGHT.

I NEED...



IT LOOKED LIKE
YOU HIT THEM
PLENTY.



MAYBE, BUT
I WANT...



JUST SAVE IT
FOR NOW.



THERE WAS ONE
MAN THERE WHO
LOOKED VERY
PROMISING.

I'D LIKE
TO SPAR WITH
HIM STARTING
TOMORROW.



...



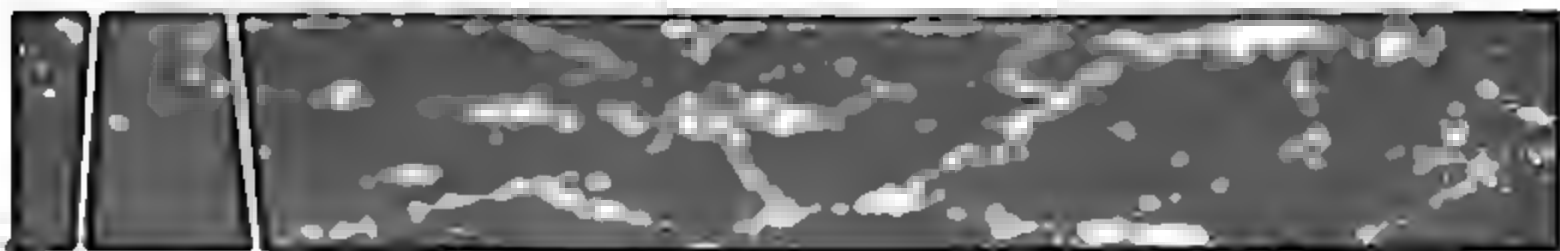
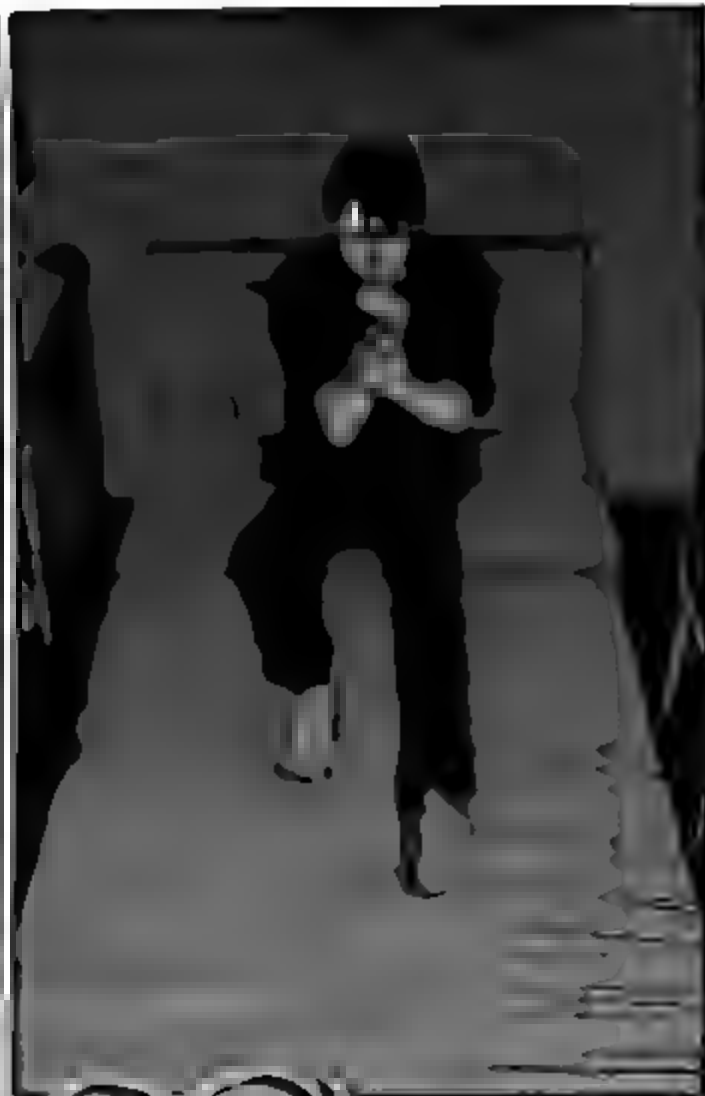
ONCE
THE MATCH
STARTS

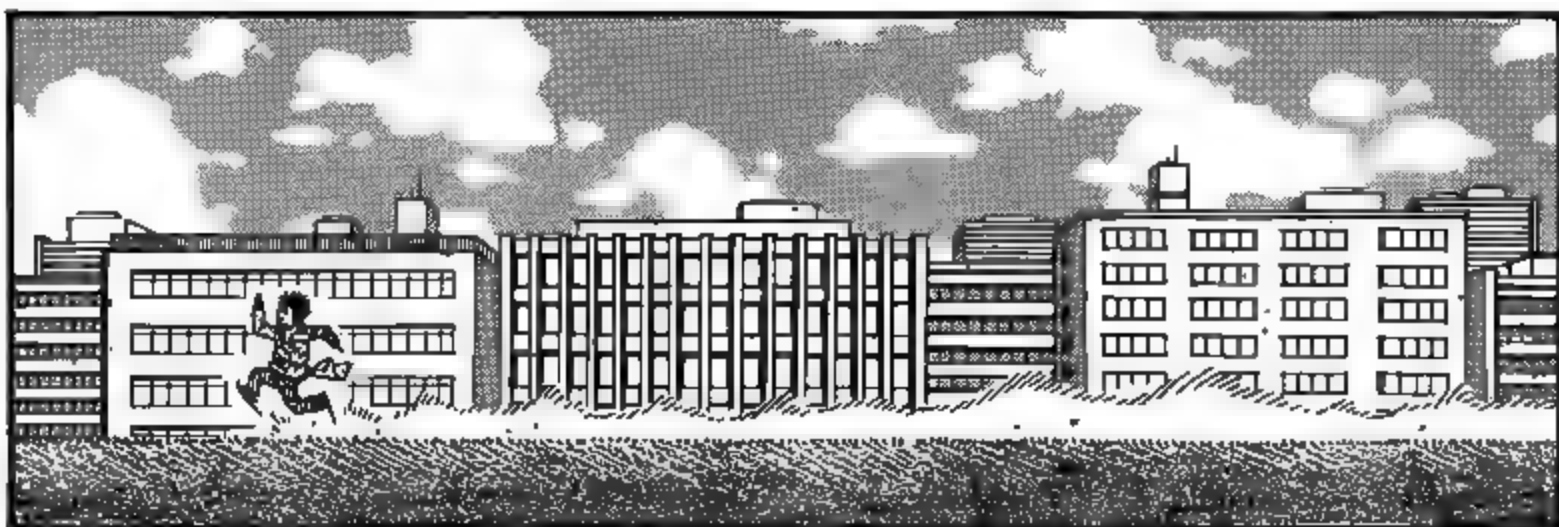
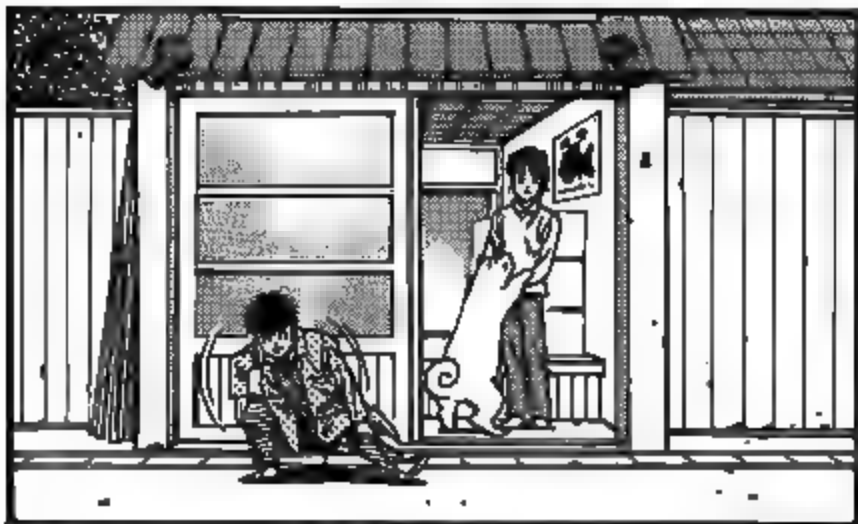
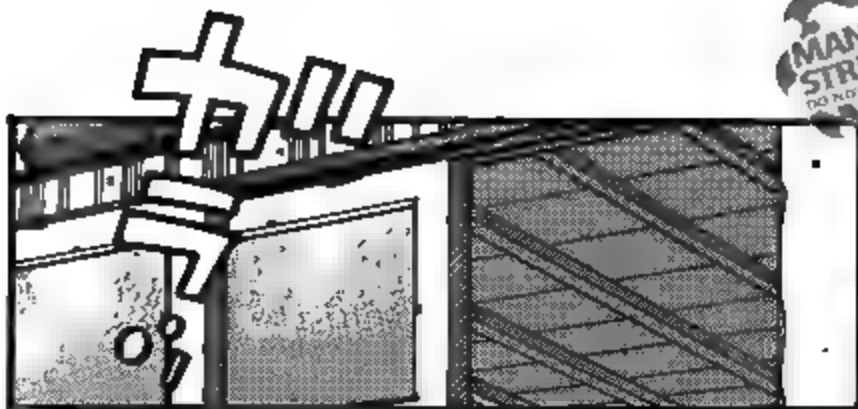


THEN,
LET YOUR RIGHT
EXPLODE WITH
ALL OF IT...



ALL THAT
STRESS AND
POWER, SAVE
IT UP.





ALRIGHT,
LET'S GET A
LOOK AT YOUR
OPPONENTS!

AND
I'M AT
THE FULL
LIMIT!

I'M
DOING
OKAY!

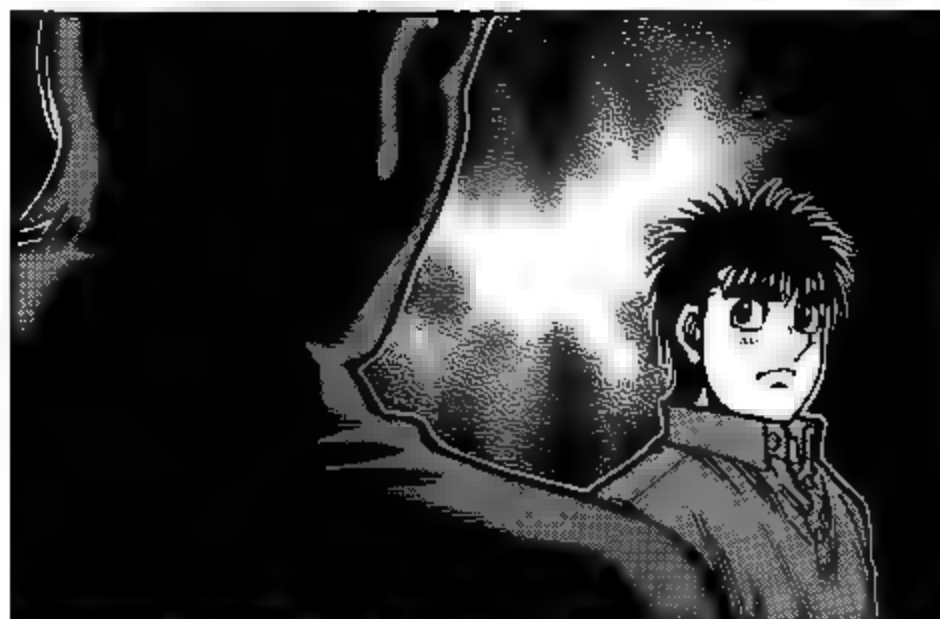
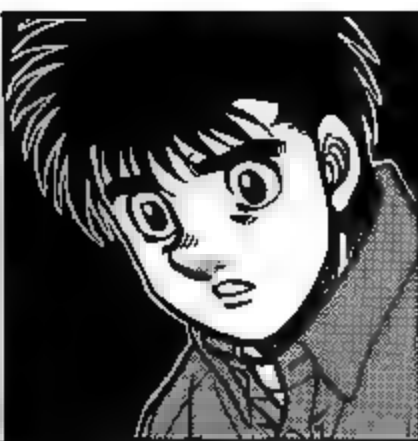
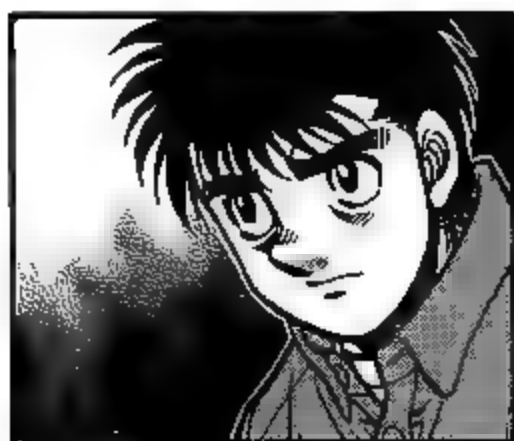


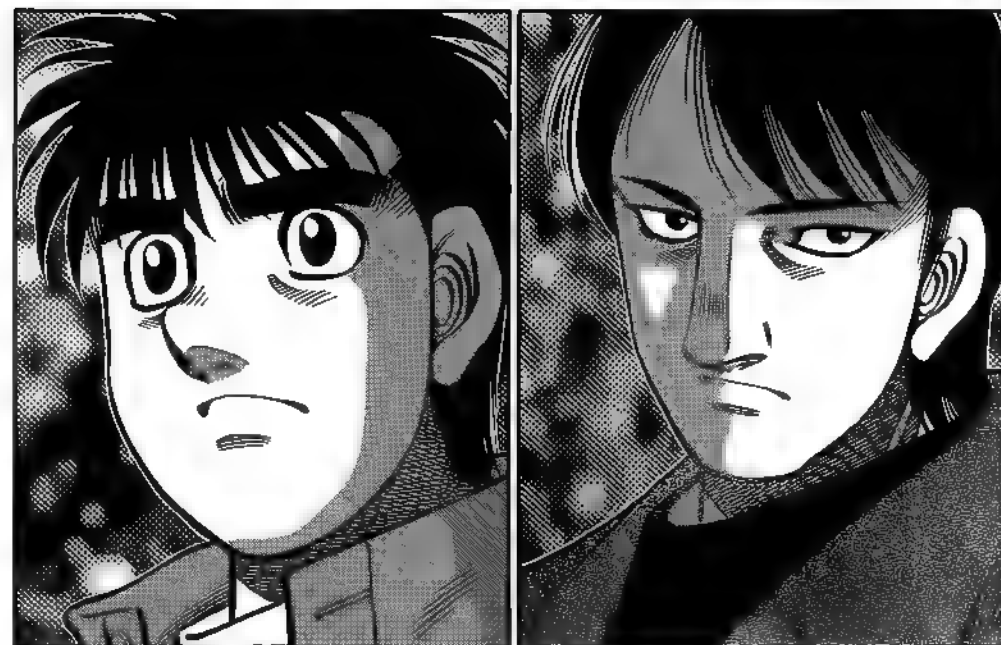
CON-
FIRM THEIR
CONDITION
AND THEIR
SPIRIT!

REMEMBER,
THE FIGHT'S
ALREADY
STARTED!!

I WANT YOU TO
KEEP A CLOSE
EYE ON THEM
DURING THE
WEIGH-IN!







FIGHTERS, FACE TO FACE...!! FIGHTING SPIRITS CATCH ABLAZE!

**HOW
WILL
THIS
FIGHT
TURN
OUT?**

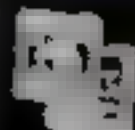


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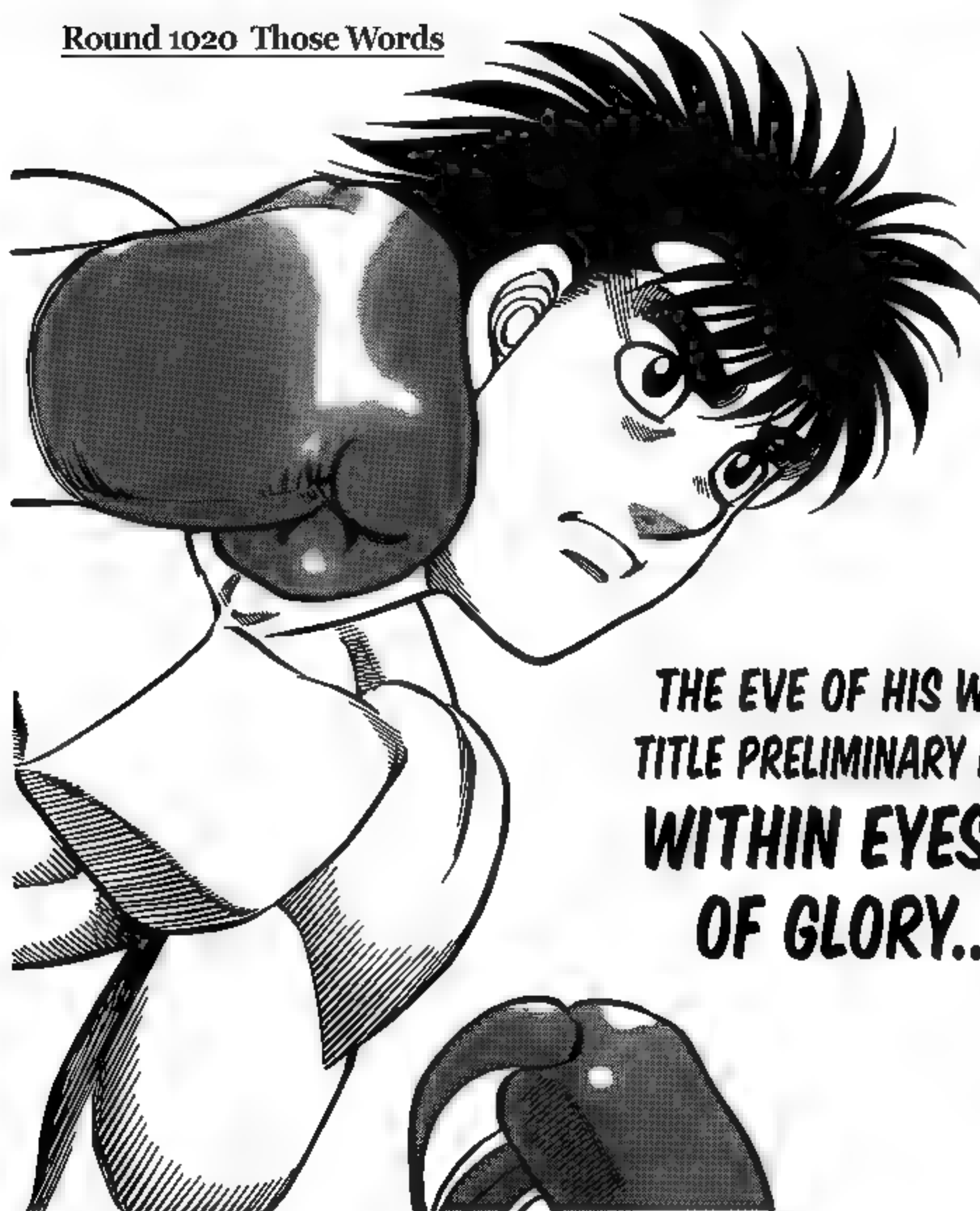
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はじめる いっぽ 技 THE FIGHTING!

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Round 1020 Those Words



**THE EVE OF HIS WORLD
TITLE PRELIMINARY MATCH!
WITHIN EYESHOT
OF GLORY...!!**

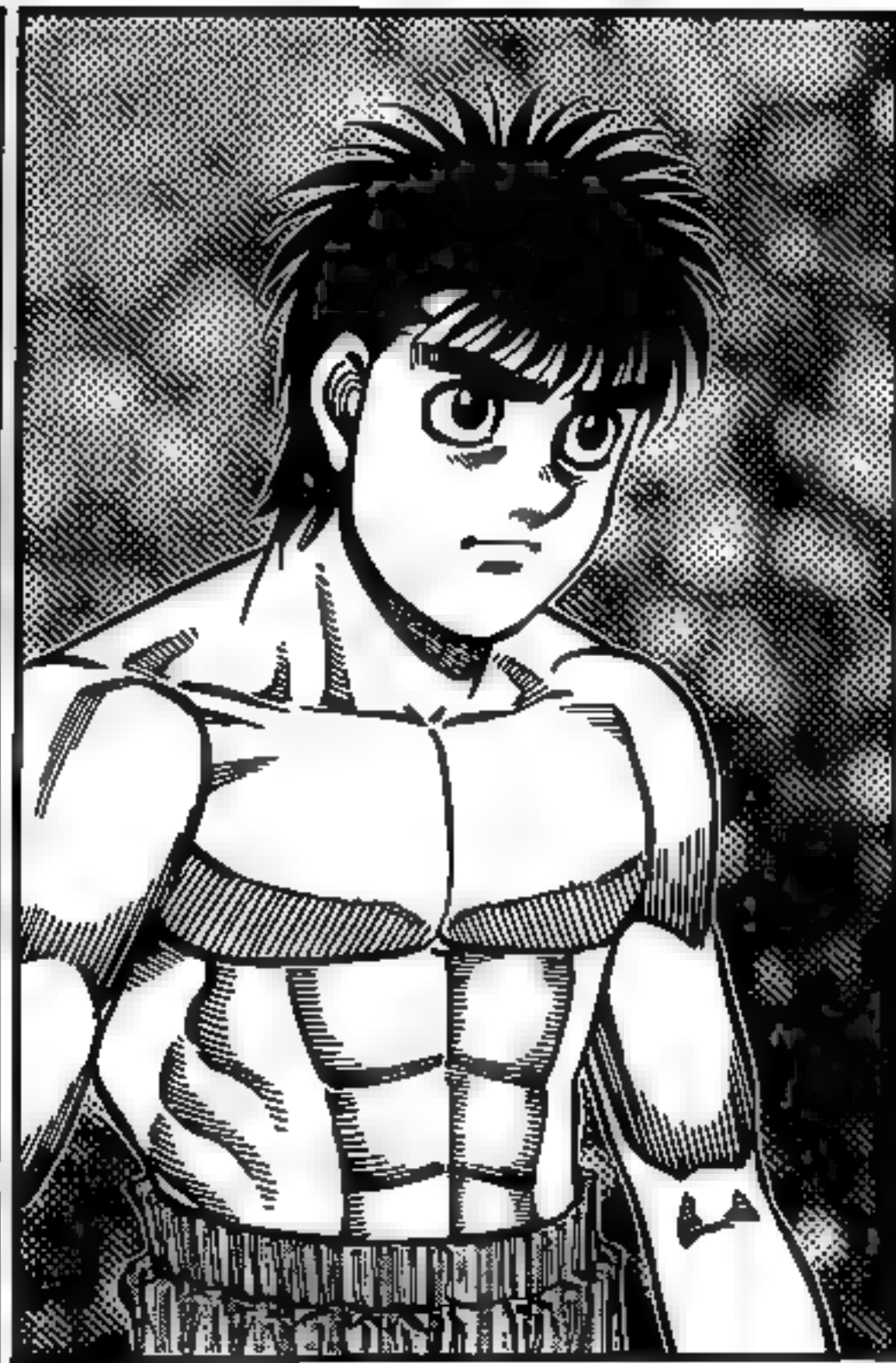
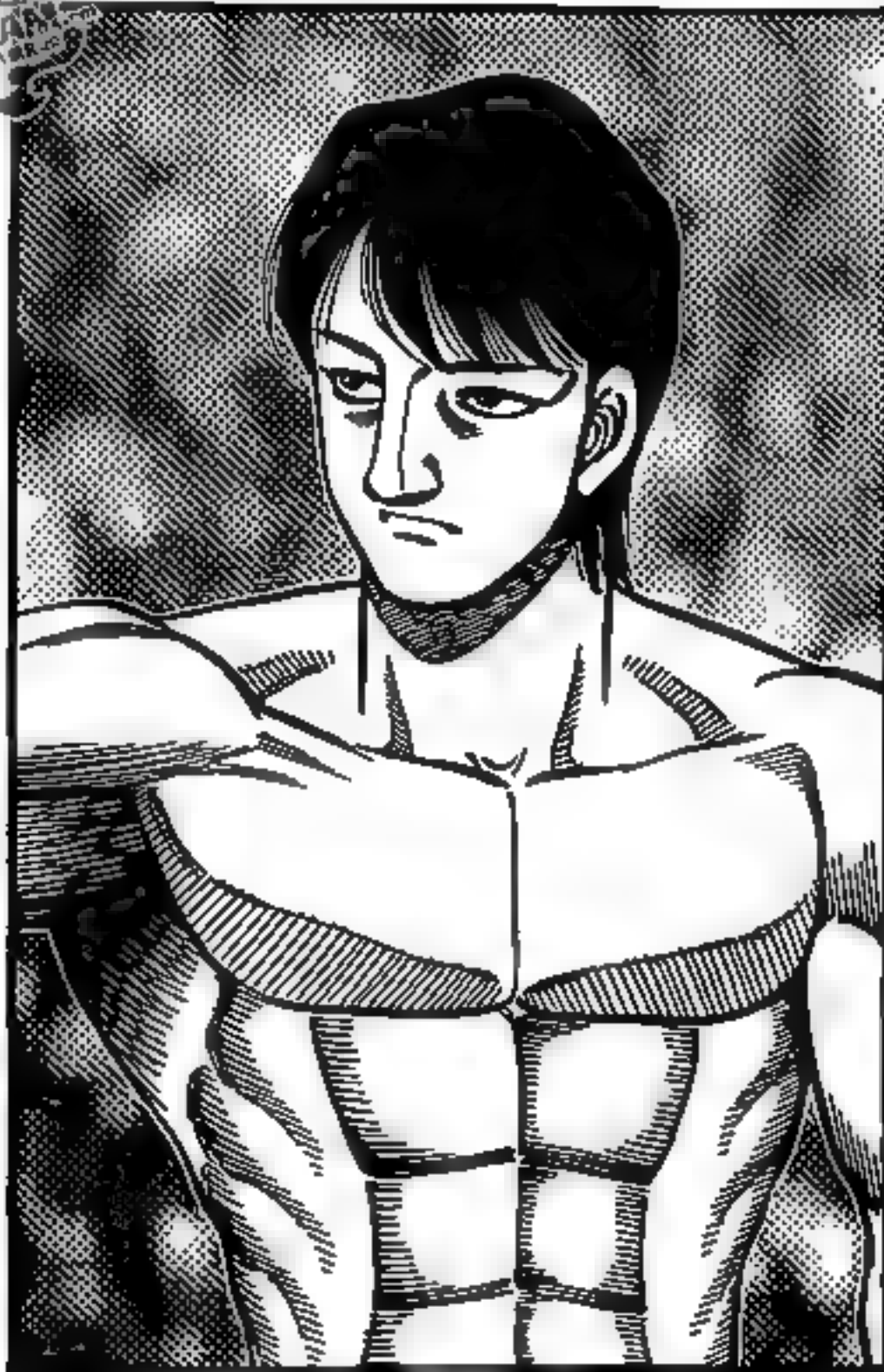


ALFREDO
GONZALEZ...

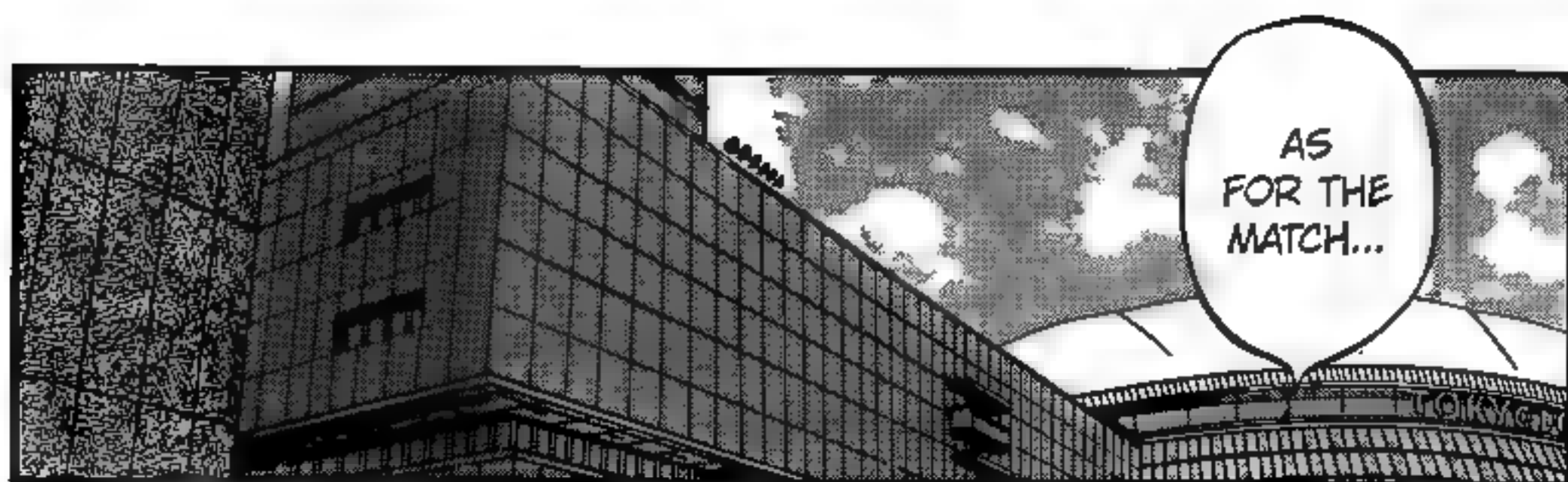
HE'S
NOT OKAY
OKAY

MAK-
NOUCHT
IPPO...

HE'S
OKAY
TOO







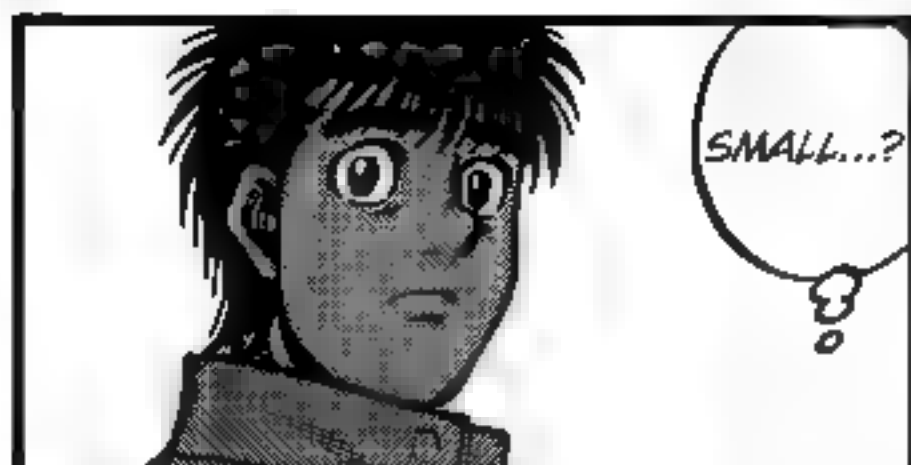
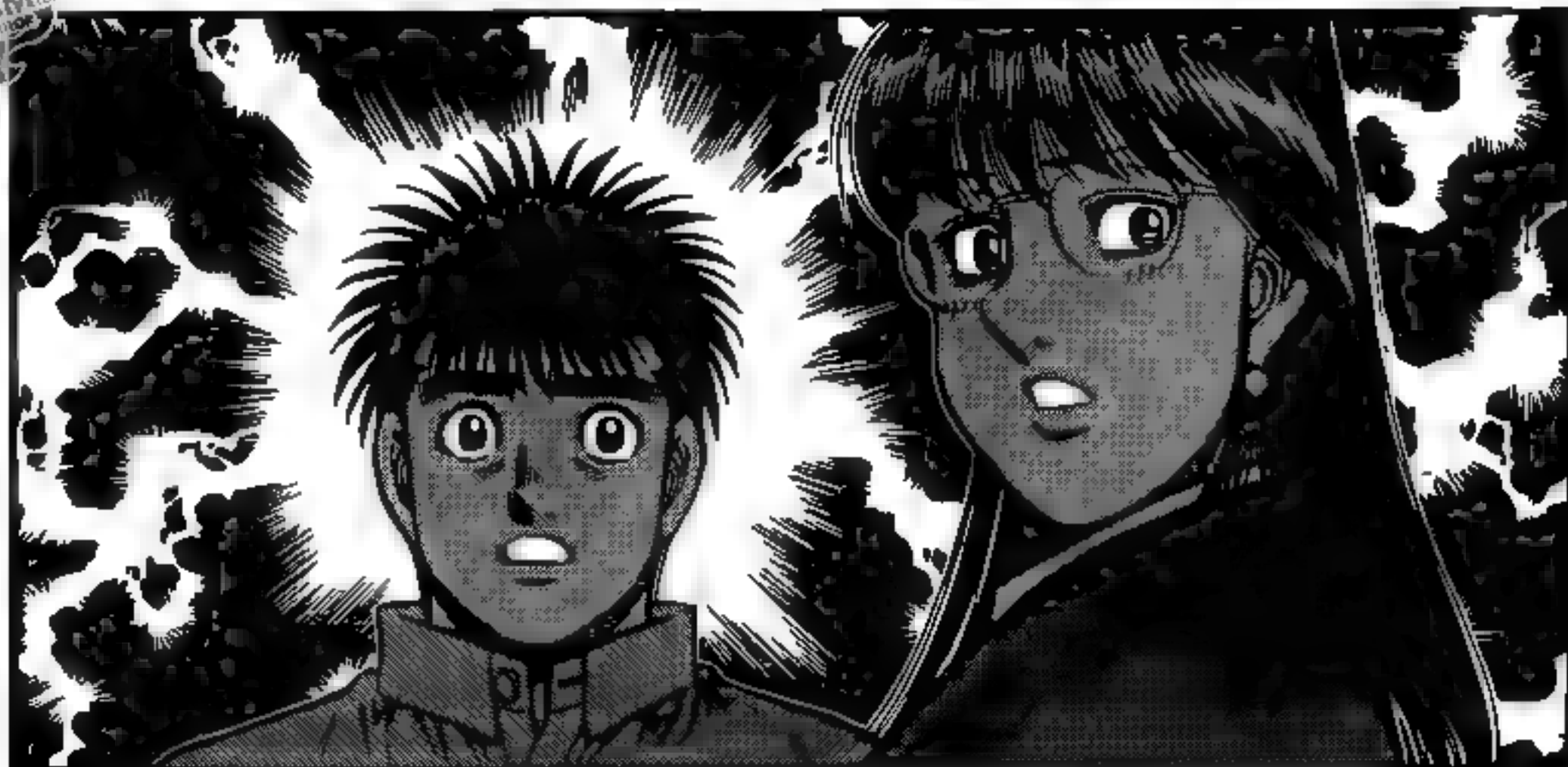


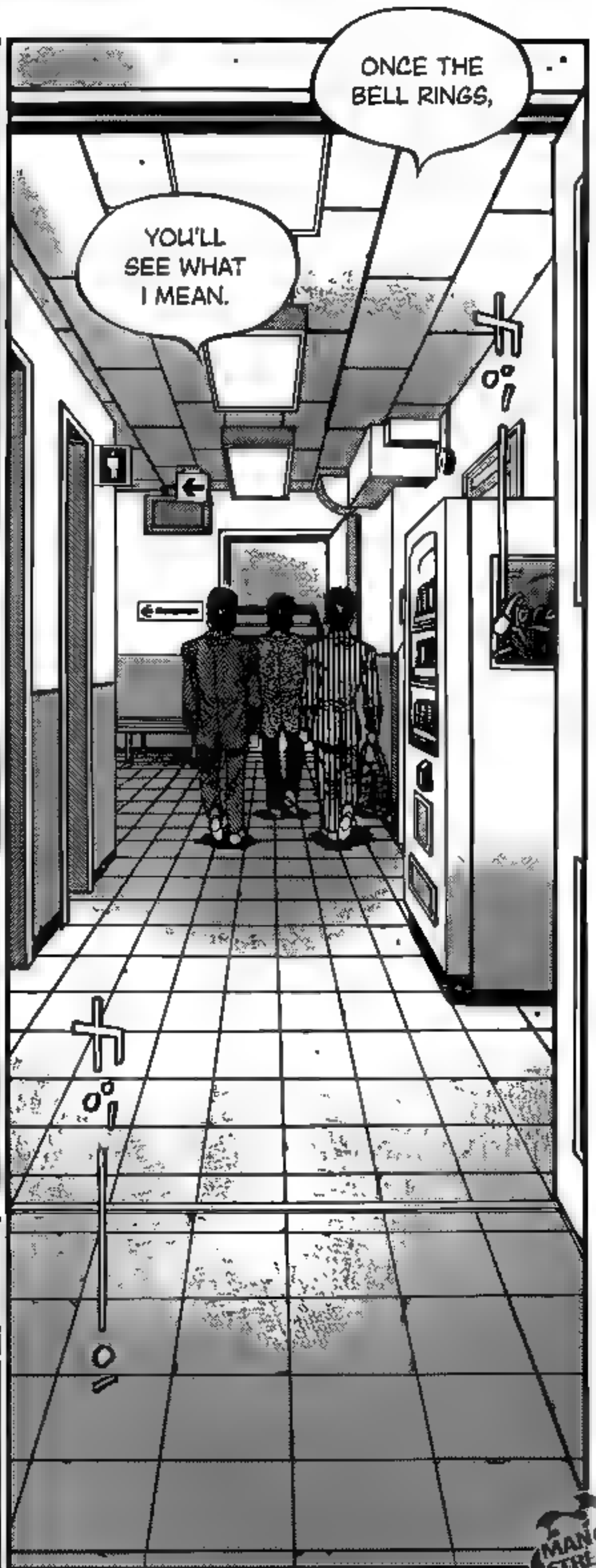
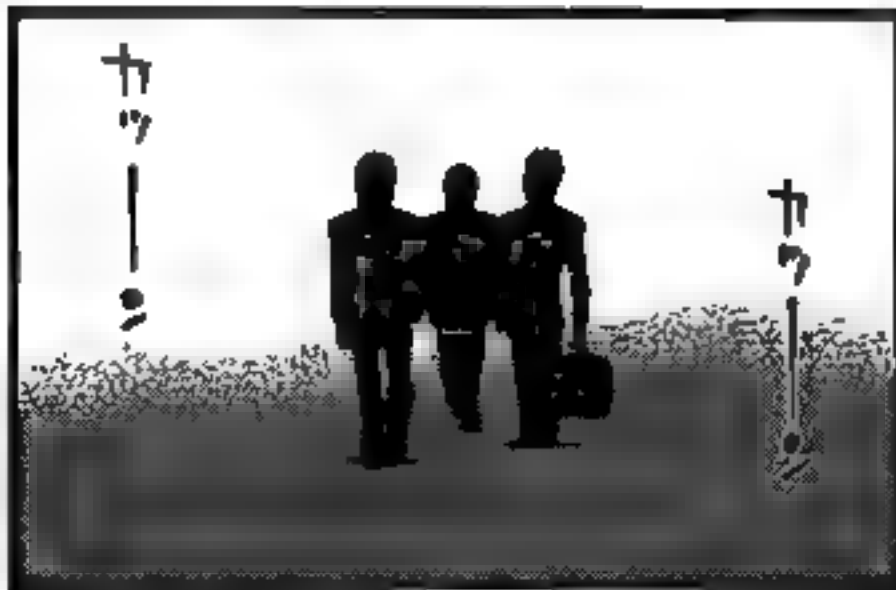




I WOULDN'T...

EXPECT
TOO MUCH
FROM HIM.

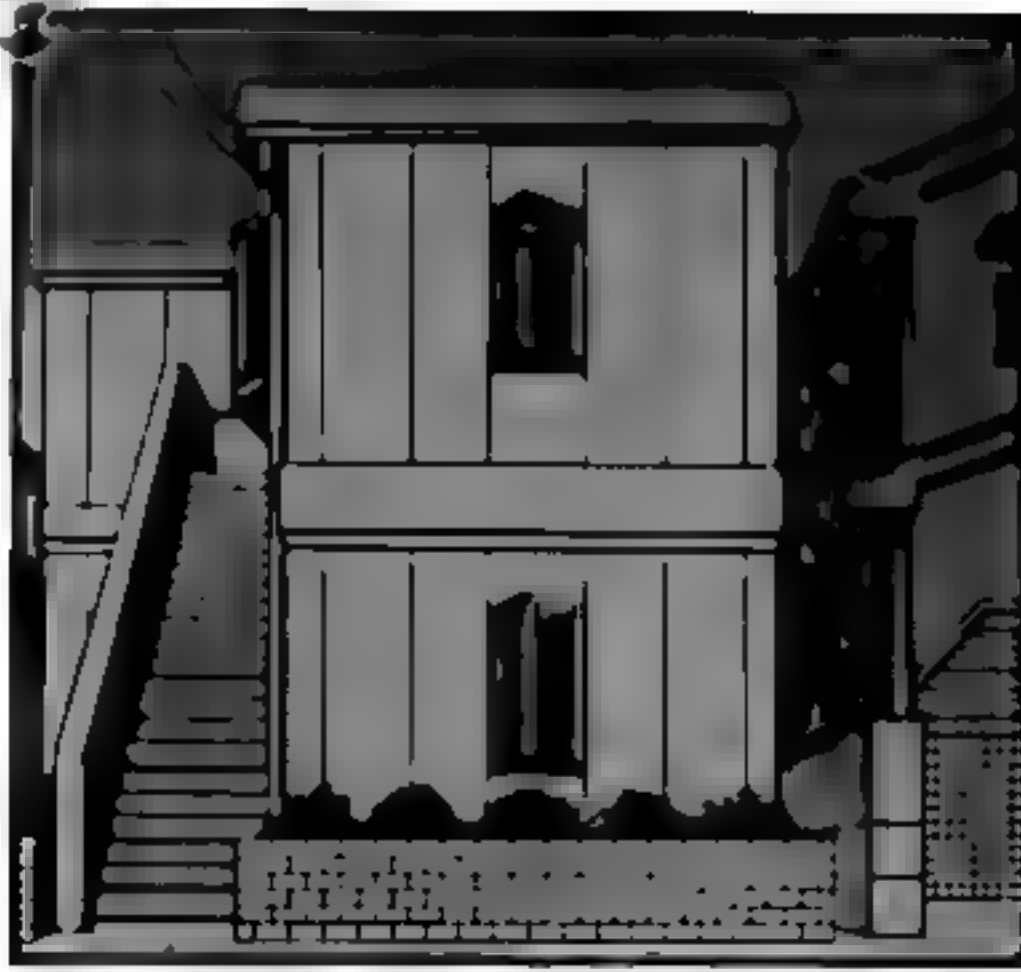


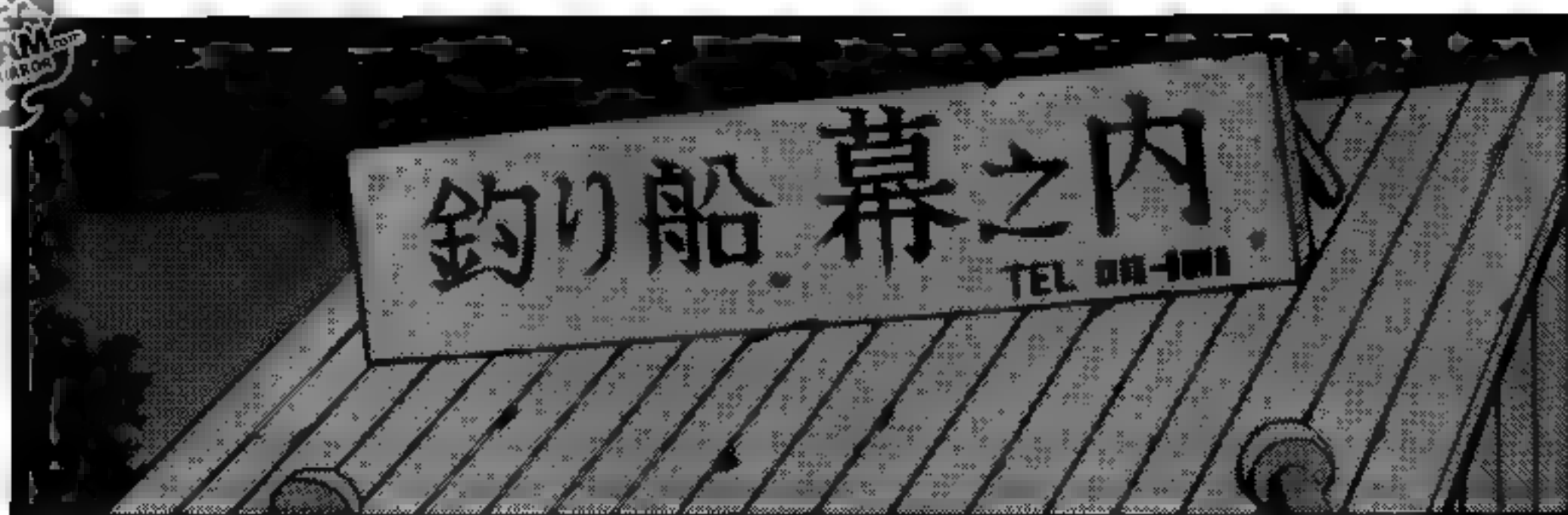


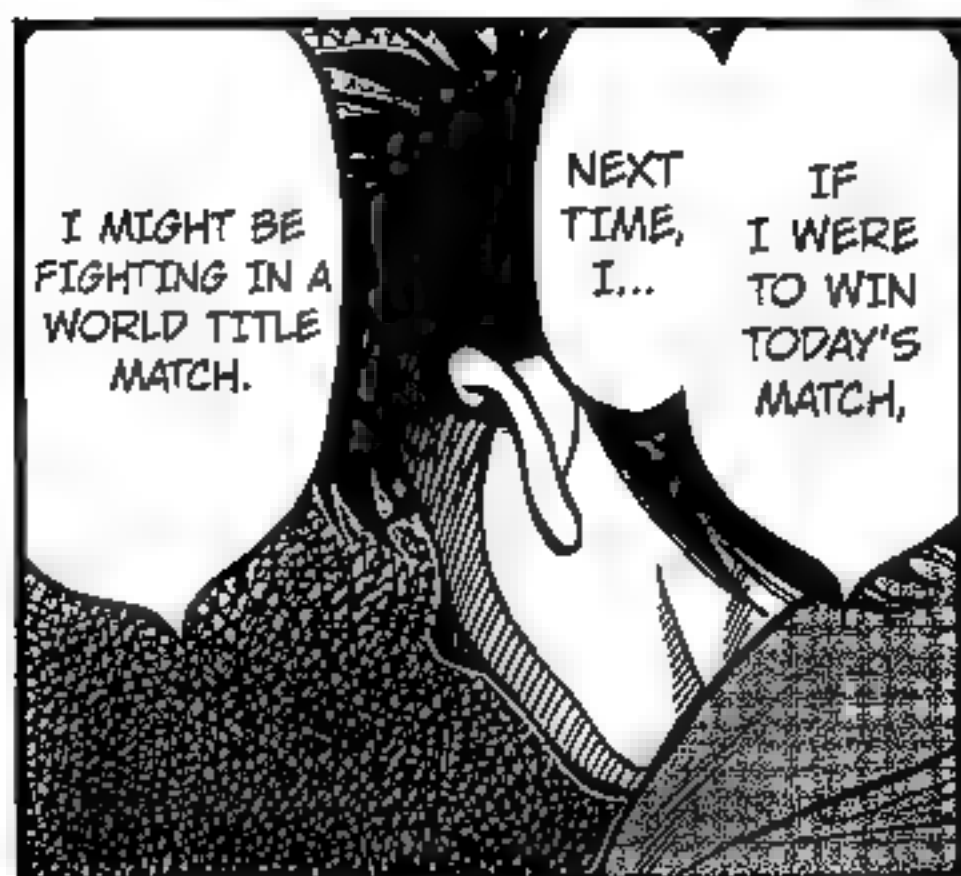






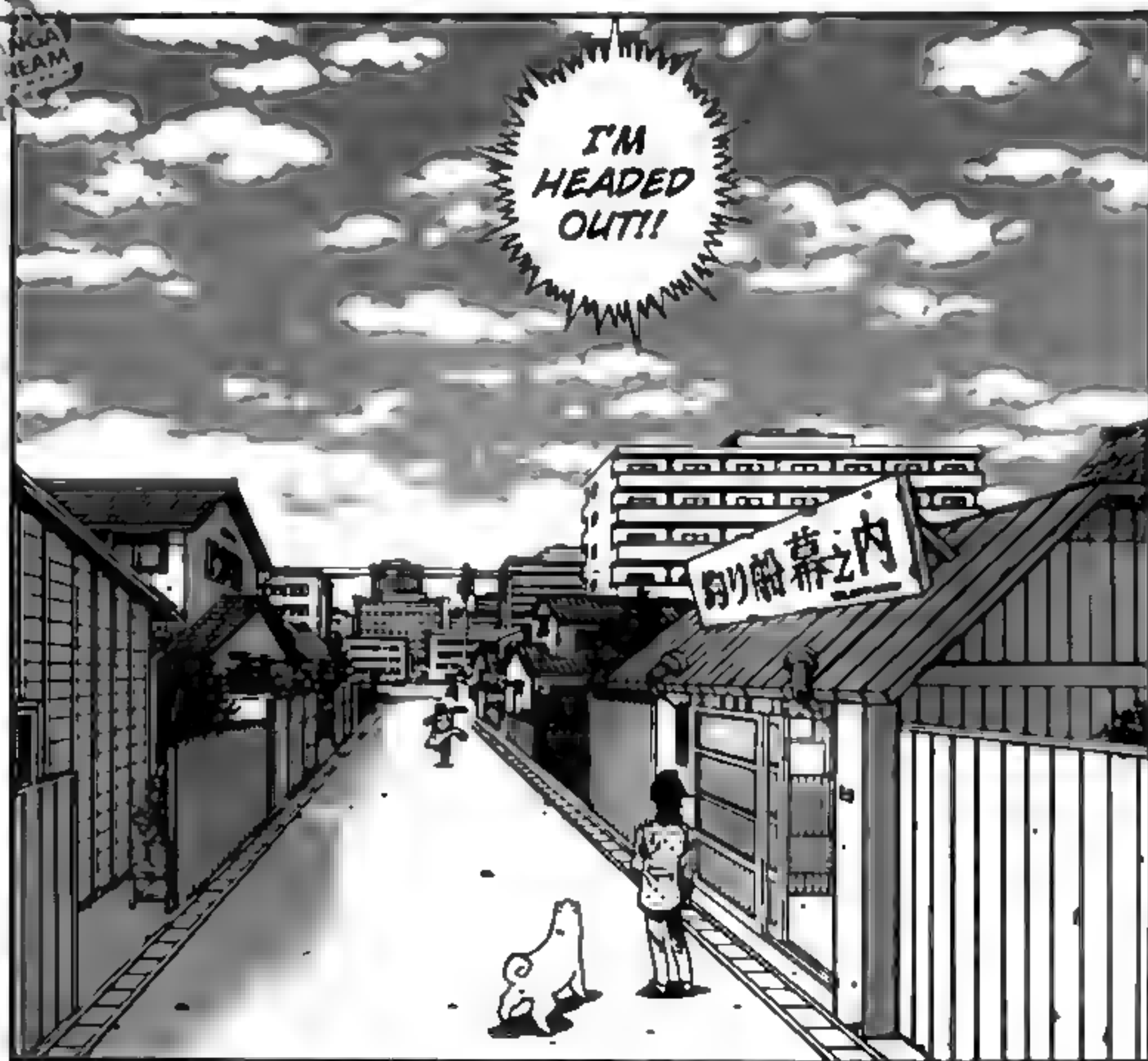








NOW, HE TAKES ON THE WORLD! A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS IN IPPO'S BOXING CAREER!



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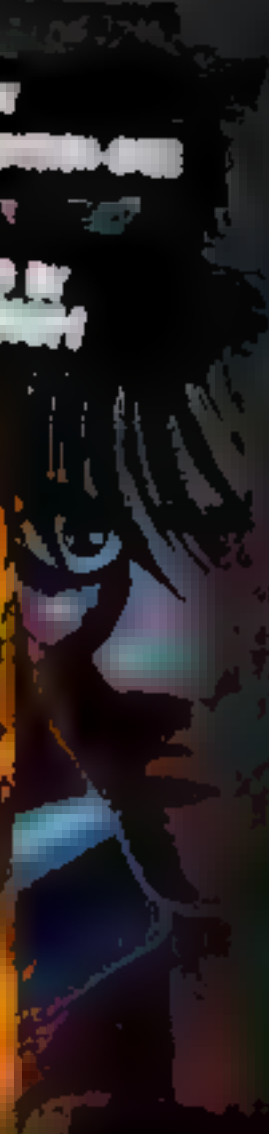
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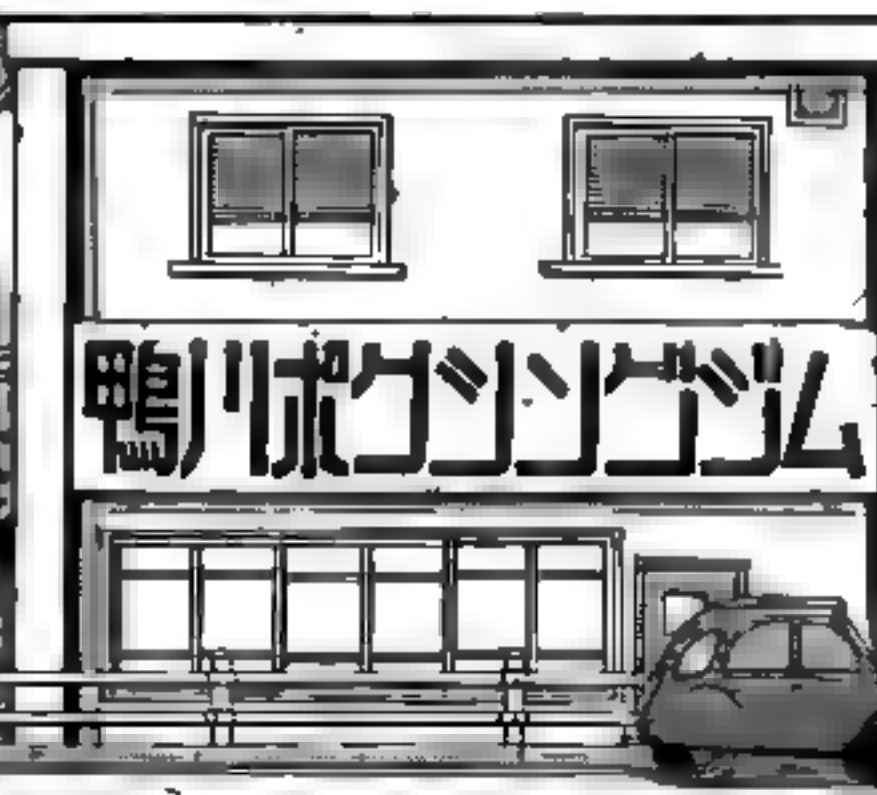
はじめる THE FIGHTING!

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EYES ALIT!
FOR US...

JAPAN
IS TOO
SMALL!





FIRST, BY
WINNING THE
ROOKIE KINGS
AND THEN THE
CLASS A TOUR-
NAMENT.



HE
IMMEDIATELY
SHOWED GREAT
POTENTIAL AFTER
BECOMING
A PRO.

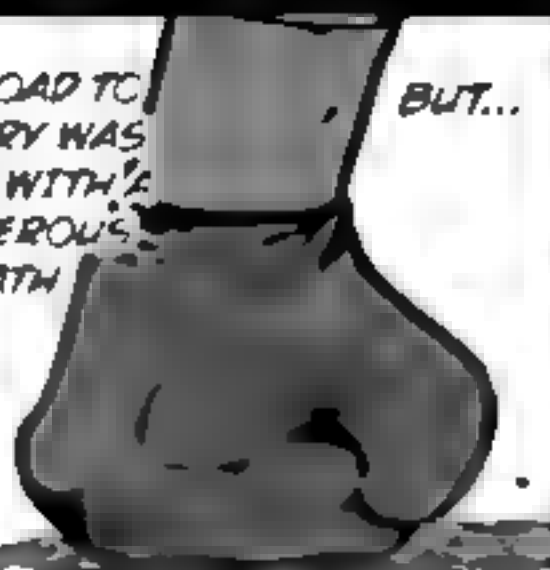
MAKU-
NOUCHI
IPPO!

THAT
YOUNG
MAN
WAS...



THE ROAD TO
VICTORY WAS
PAVED WITH A
DANGEROUS
PATH

BUT...



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ALL OF
THIS HELPED
HIM CAPTURE
THE HEART OF
THE NATION



THE GREATEST
WEAPONS IN HIS
ARSENAL PROVED TO
BE HIS AMBIDEXTROUS
DESTRUCTIVE POWER,
HIS DASHING SPEED,
AND HIS COURAGE TO
PRESS FORWARD
WITHOUT FEAR

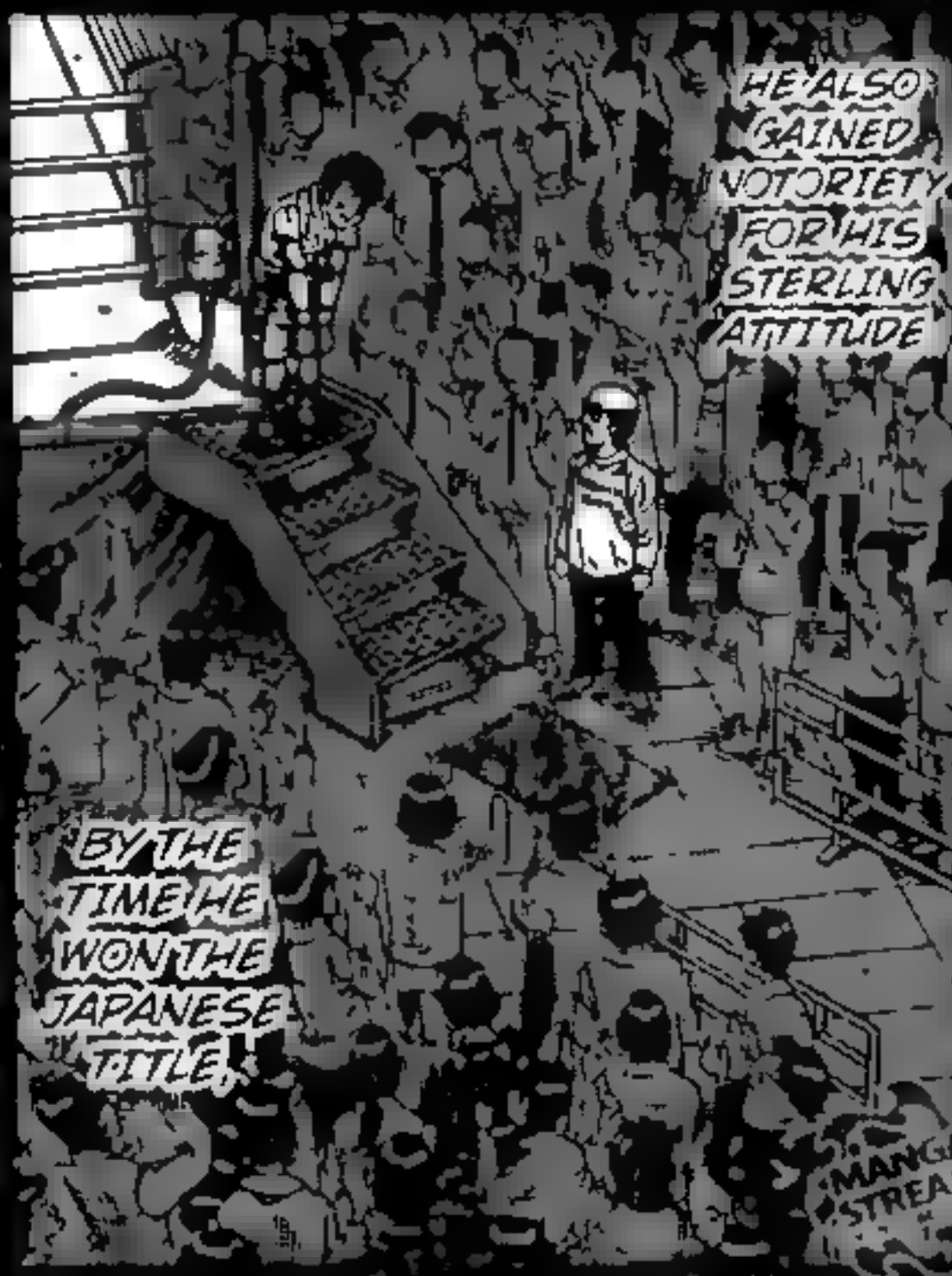
AGAINST
ALL ODDS, HE
WOULD RISE UP
FROM THE MAT
TO PULL OFF HIS
MIRACULOUS
COMEBACK
VICTORIES

HIS ROUGH
FIGHTING STYLE
WOULD LEAD HIM TO
GETTING KNOCKED
DOWN REPEATEDLY
WHILE TAKING
REMARKABLE
BEATINGS





HE WAS
ONE OF THE
MAIN ATTRAC-
TIONS IN THE
JAPANESE
BOXING
WORLD



HE ALSO
GAINED
NOTORIETY
FOR HIS
STERLING
ATTITUDE

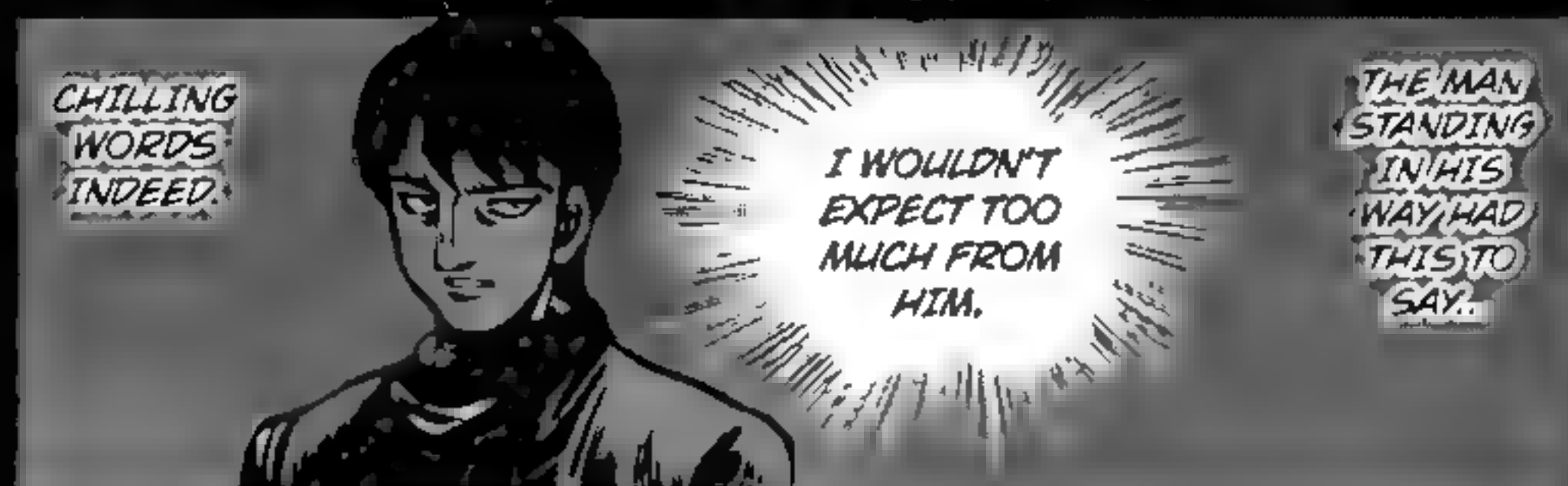


IS A PRE-
LIMINARY BOUT
THAT MAY LEAD TO
A WORLD TITLE
CHALLENGE.

HIS NEXT
MATCH...

BY THE
TIME HE
WON THE
JAPANESE
TITLE.

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CHILLING
WORDS
INDEED.

I WOULDN'T
EXPECT TOO
MUCH FROM
HIM.

THE MAN
STANDING
IN HIS
WAY HAD
THIS TO
SAY.



MAKUNOUCHI
IPPO'S FISTS MAY
ALREADY...

BUT
I BELIEVE
THAT REALITY
IS THE EXACT
OPPOSITE.

PEOPLE ARE
HOPING THAT
MAKUNOUCHI
WILL OVERCOME
THIS HURDLE
AND GO ON TO
TRUE GLORY IN
THE WORLD
ARENA.



CARRY THE
HOPES OF A
NATION!



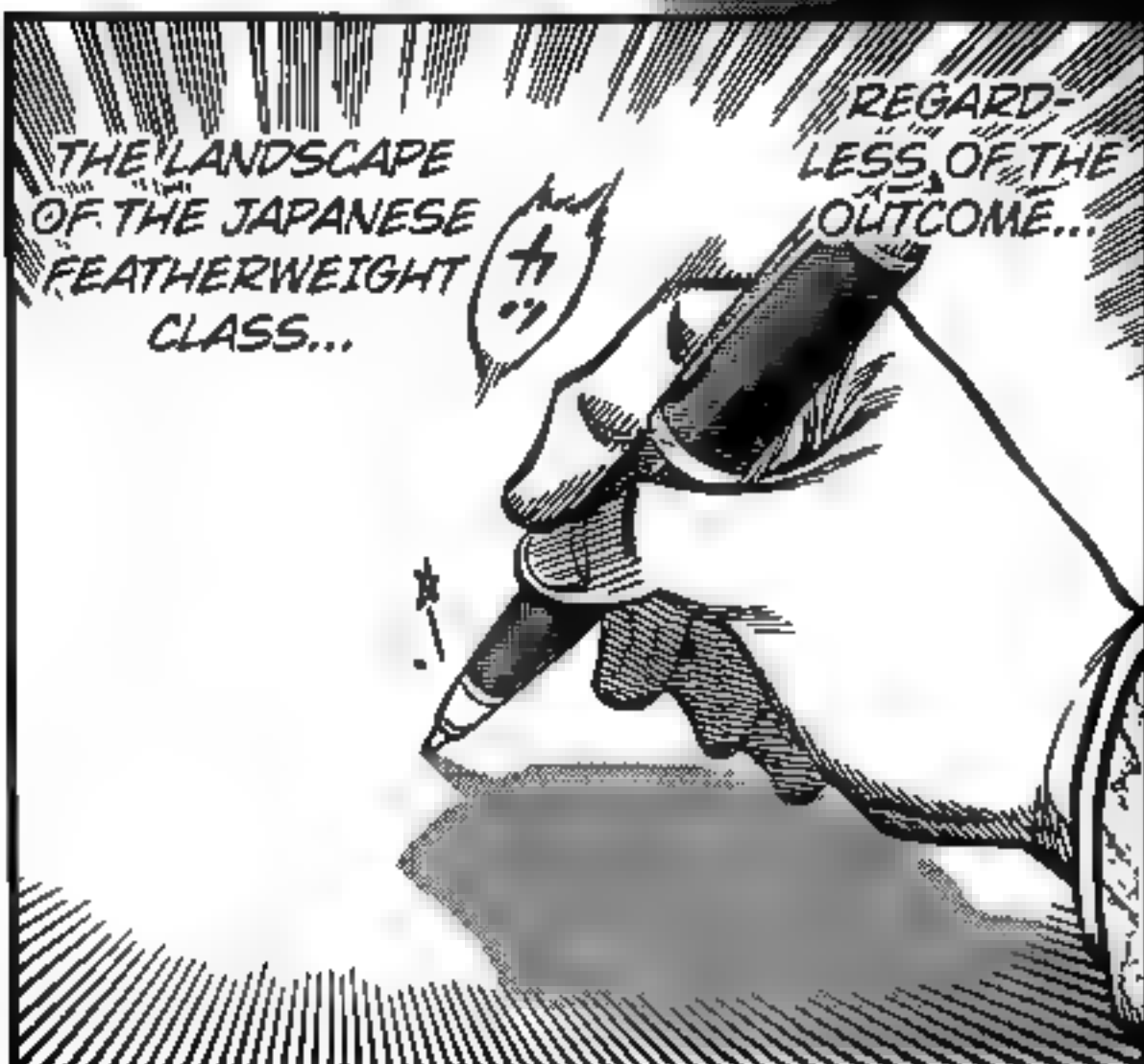
THE
OTHER STANDOUT
FIGHTERS OF HIS
GENERATION SEEM TO
BE OUTGROWING
THE PACIFIC
REGION.

AT THE
SAME TIME THAT
MAKINOUCHI HAS
MADE HIS WAY TO
THE WORLD
STAGE.



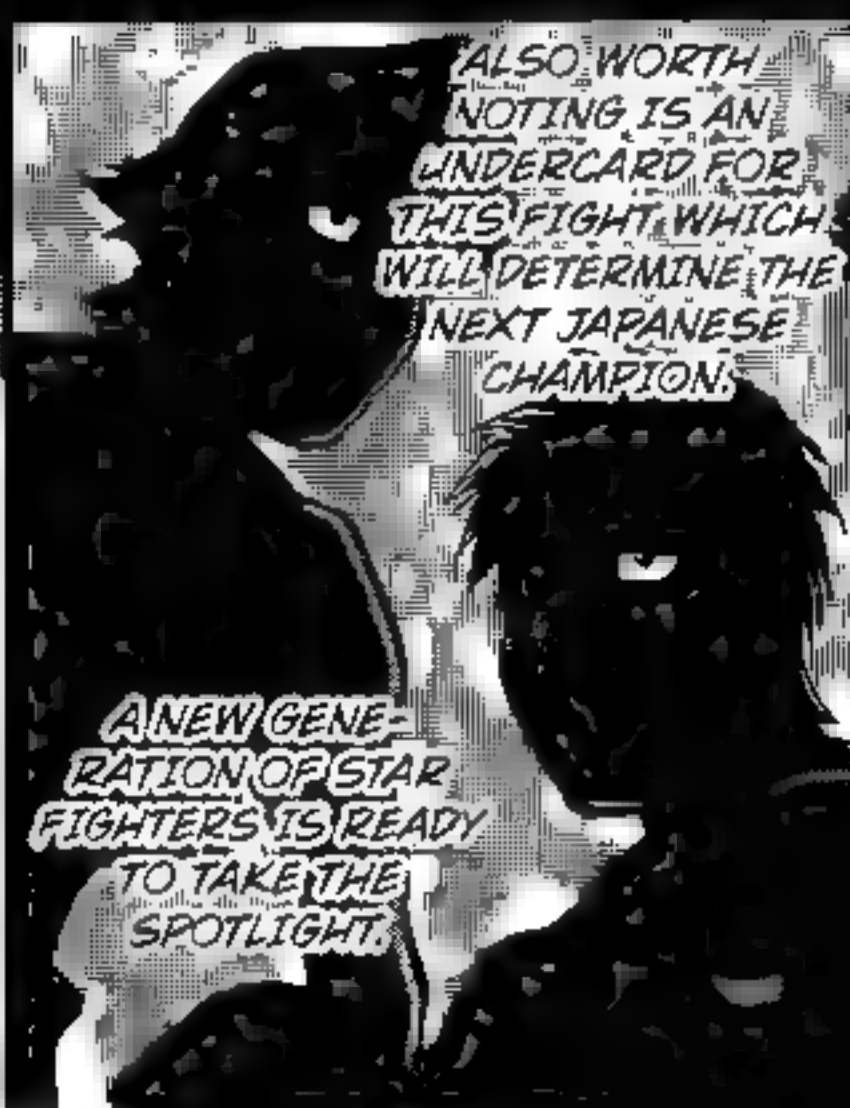
THAT'S
A LITTLE
MELODRA-
MATIC...

HMM
...



THE LANDSCAPE
OF THE JAPANESE
FEATHERWEIGHT
CLASS...

REGARD-
LESS OF THE
OUTCOME...



ALSO WORTH
NOTING IS AN
UNDERCARD FOR
THIS FIGHT, WHICH
WILL DETERMINE THE
NEXT JAPANESE
CHAMPION.

A NEW GENE-
RATION OF STAR
FIGHTERS IS READY
TO TAKE THE
SPOTLIGHT.

WILL CHANGE
RADICALLY
TONIGHT!



FEATHERWEIGHT WORLD TITLE PRELIMINARY MATCH

199X.3.21

GO TO THE WORLD!!

WBA FEATHERWEIGHT 2ND RANKED

WBC FEATHERWEIGHT 3RD RANKED

ALFREDO GONZALEZ

23 MATCHES 21 WINS 17 KOS 2 LOSSES (MEXICO)

VS. 10R

WBA 8TH RANKED

WBC 7TH RANKED

MAKUNOUCHI IPPO

24 MATCHES 23 WINS 23 KOS 1 LOSS (KAMOGAWA)

10 ROUND SEMI-FINAL MATCH

FOR THE VACANT JAPANESE TITLE

JAPANESE FEATHERWEIGHT 1ST RANKED

ITAGAKI MANABU

12 MATCHES 11 WINS 10 KOS 1 LOSS

2ND RANKED

MAI KYOSUKE

14 MATCHES 13 WINS 10 KOS 1 LOSS

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THE WORLD









LIKE HE
REPRESENTS
US OR SOME-
THING...



IT
PISSES ME
OFF SO MUCH,
I WANNA
PUKE...

THE
MAKINOUCHI
GENERATION?

DON'T
CALL IT
THAT...



YOU LOST
TO HIM TWICE,
IN CASE YOU
FORGOT.

CAN'T
BE HELPED,
ESPECIALLY
SINCE WE
LOST TO
HIM.



I'D KICK
HIS ASS IF
WE FOUGHT
NOW.

PUT
A SOCK
IN IT!

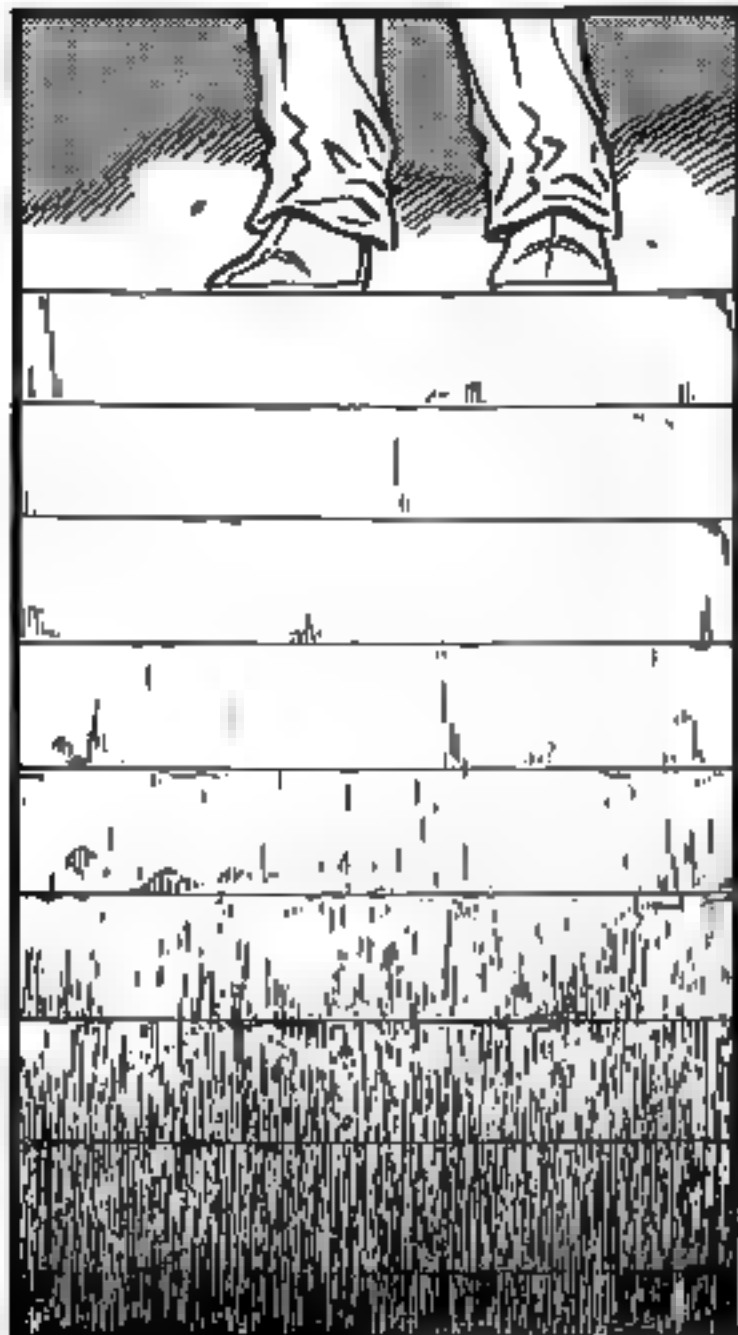
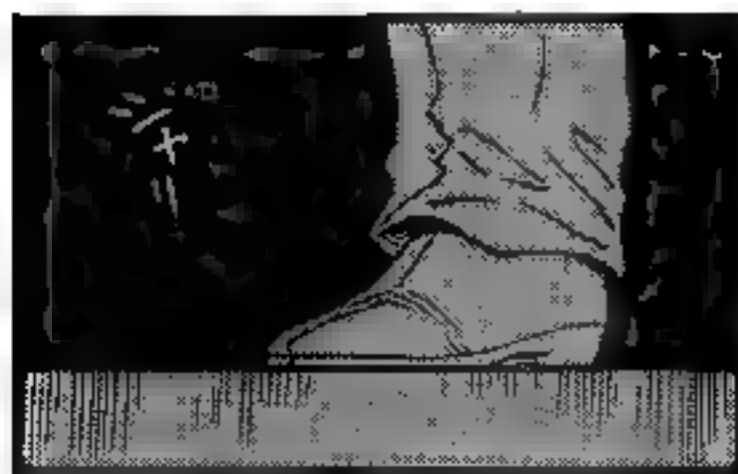


NOW,
NOW...

EASY
THERE.



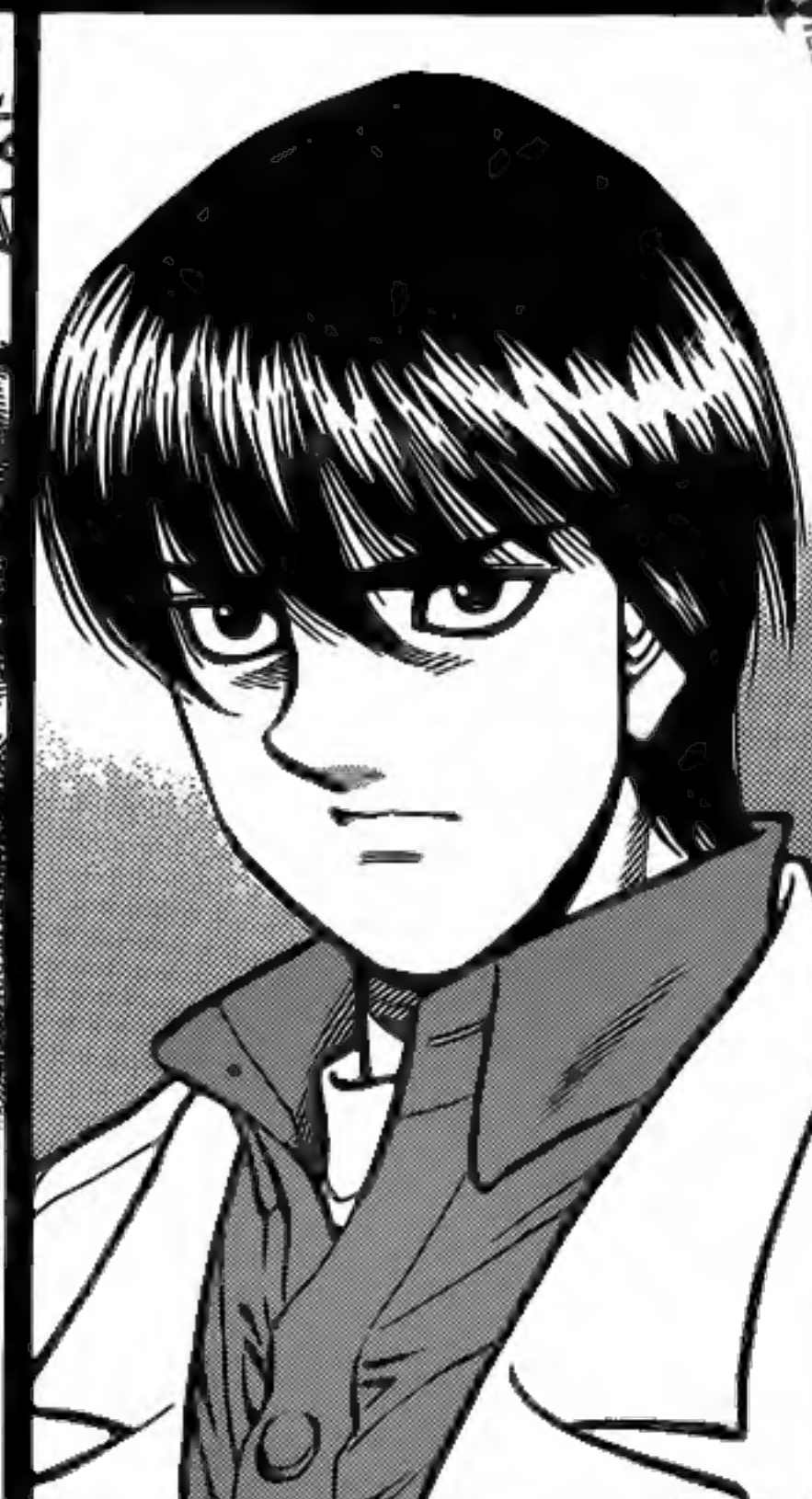




BUT IN SPITE
OF ALL THIS,
THERE'S STILL
NO SHOUTING!
THERE'S STILL
NO NOISE!

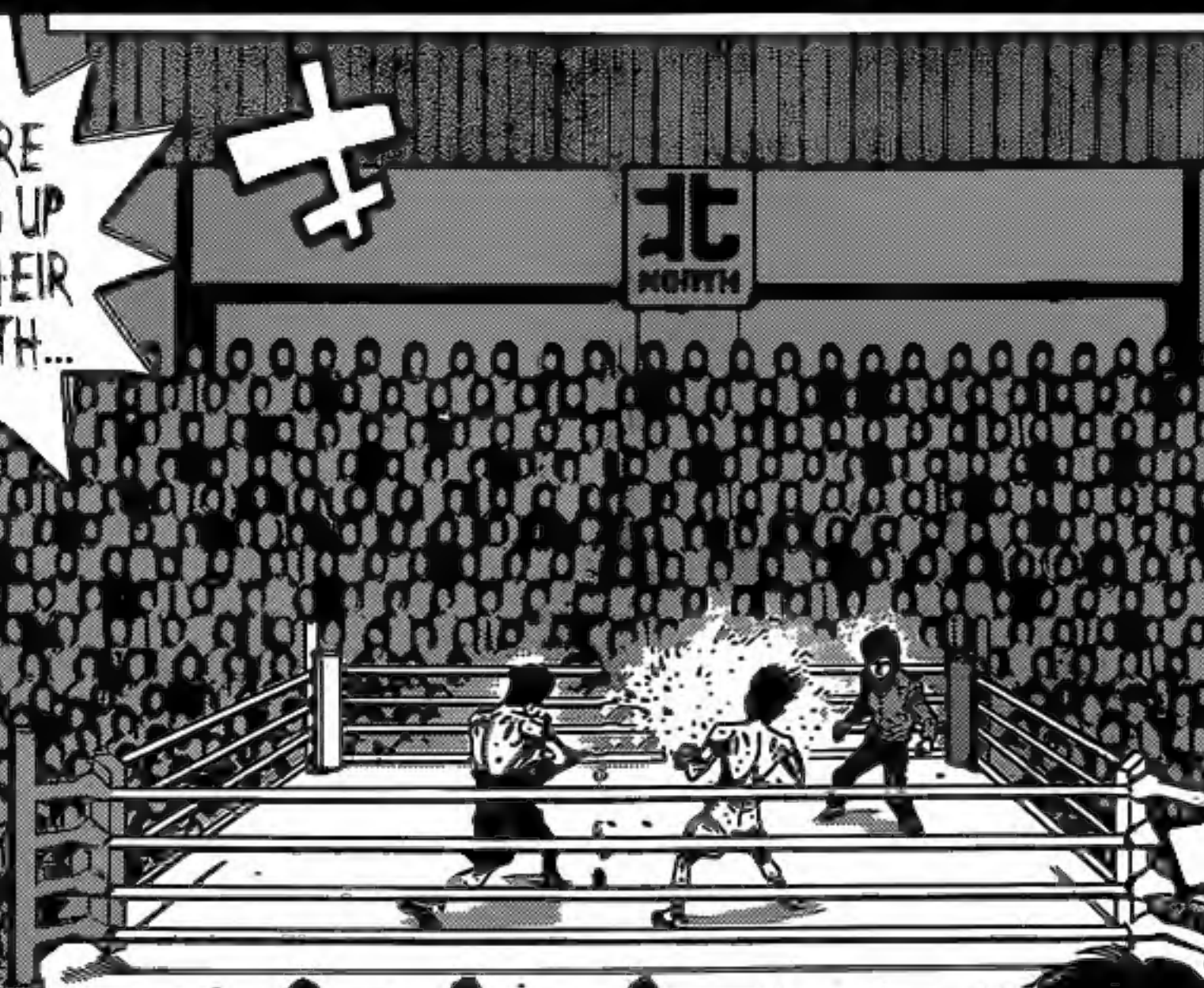
THE
UNDERCARDS
HAVE BEEN
FILLED WITH
EXPLOSIVE
KO'S!

THE ATMO-
SPHERE IN THE
KORAKUEN HALL
IS POSITIVELY
ELECTRIC
TONIGHT!



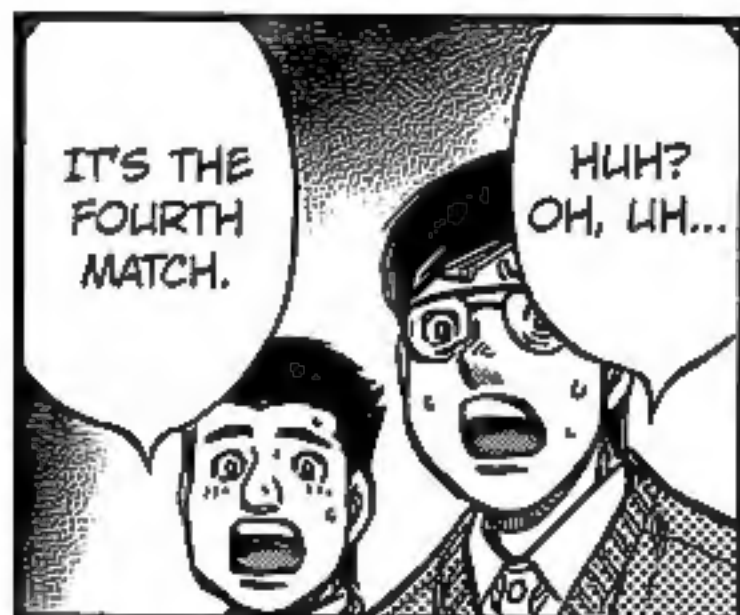
FOR THE
MATCHES
COMING
LATER
TONIGHT!

THEY'RE
SAVING UP
ALL THEIR
STRENGTH...



THE CROWD
IS ABSOLUTELY
WRACKED WITH
ANTICIPATION!

THEIR
VOICES QUIET,
THEIR BREATH
SHALLOW!



THE TIME TO ANSWER HOPES IS NOW! THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE HERE FOR!! WIN YET AGAIN, IPPON!!

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